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LADY PATRICIA RAMSAY, CI, CD

Lady Patricia Ramsay, VA, C1, CD, Obituary

Lady Patricia Ramsay, one of two surviving grandchildren of Queen Victoria, who lived for more than half a century after divesting herself of the outward signs of royalty and her place in the family, and had in consequence become largely forgotten, died on the 12th of January, 1974.

She was the youngest child of Queen Victoria's favourite son - Prince Albert, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn - and was closely connected with the old ruling houses of Europe through her mother, a daughter of the celebrated Red Prince of Russia.

Born, Princess Victoria Patricia Helena Elizabeth of Connaught, at Buckingham Palace on the 17th of March 1886, she shunned the conventional royal marriage. In 1919 she married Captain Alexander Ramsay, Royal Navy, and relinguished all rights and titles to royalty. She and her husband, later to become Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander Ramsay, GCVO, KGB, DSO, lived unostentatious lives, he pursuing his naval career and she her love of painting.

In 1911 she went with her parents to Canada where her father was Governor General. Her mother was in failing health, and in fact died in Canada so that she became her father's official companion and hostess. She made herself not only extremely useful but extremely popular. A piece of territory in northwestern Ontario and in the southern interior of British Columbia were named in her honour.

In August of 1914 her father approved the use of her name in the title of a Canadian Regiment being raised, at the personal expense of A Hamilton Gault of Montreal. Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry became her constant concern. She rejoiced with the Regiment in it's triumphs and grieved in its losses and casualties. In 1918 she was named Colonel-in-Chief and so remained until her death.

Lady Patricia's father was Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifle Brigade, the Allied Regiment of the Patricias, for over 50 years. She delighted to think of her father and herself being in the unique position of jointly having over 100 years service as Colonels-in-Chief of Allied Regiments.

She designed and worked by hand a camp flag, which she presented to the Patricias before they departed Ottawa for service in France. This flag, affectionately referred to as the Ric-a-dam-doo, was carried into every action the Regiment took part in during the Great War 1914-1918. The only such flag or colour to be taken into action by any unit of the British Empire during that period.

"Princess Pat" or "Patsy", as she was called by her family and intimates, who was a great aunt of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, shattered royal tradition by playing golf, skiing, swimming and riding a horse astride instead of side-saddle. She kept a pet parrot that travelled with her everywhere, often perched on her shoulder.

Lady Patricia had one son, Captain Alexander Arthur Ramsay, formerly of the Grenadier Guards. Born on the 21st of December, 1919, and married in 1956 to the Honourable Flora Fraser, daughter and heiress of the 19th Lord Saltoun.

Although after her marriage she retired from public duties she always made an exception for her Regiment. She inspected it in 1940 and visited it in Germany in 1950 and in Canada in 1953. Her last visit to the Regiment was to the First Battalion in Germany and the Second Battalion in Canada, in August and September of 1964, in conjunction with the 50th Jubilee Celebrations. In 1968, although ill, she insisted on seeing a detachment of the Second Battalion perform at the Royal Tournament in London.

Characteristically, she wanted only a simple funeral. At her request the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General CB Ware, a bearer party and two buglers alone represented the thousands who have borne her name. Attended by Queen Elizabeth, Queen Ingrid of Denmark and other members of Europe's Royal Households, internment took place in the Royal Burial Grounds at Frogmore following services at Windsor Castle on the 21st of January, 1974.



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The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 1974. Sixty years for many people often means retirement. But, from my close association with the PPCLI, I know that your anniversary celebrations will only spur you on to greater efforts in the years to come.

You have served this country with honor and distinction in war and in peace time. I know this service will continue in the years ahead.

At the age of 60, the PPCLI is taking a more active and constructive role in the community than ever. The cadet program, for example, offers young people an excellent opportunity for knowledge and development. I know first hand. One of my sons is now a cadet. He will tell you most enthusiastically what our armed forces can do for youngsters.

Also, you have the finest band in the country, and no important public occasion in Alberta is complete without the Princess Patricia's magnificent band, in which our whole community takes enormous pride. At a time when so many bands across Canada have been cut from the official strength in an apparent quest for economy - a misguided quest when applied to bands, the elimination of which produces picayune "savings" at best, - it is a source of some satisfaction that the Princess Patricia's band has survived, alone in the distinction of being the only remaining military band serving the Western Prairies, an area larger than the territory of most of the U. N. 's member-nations! Long may you continue to stir our hearts and raise our spirits!

Members of the PPCLI, you don't look your age. Please, keep up your vigor and your enthusiasm! My best wishes to you all. If I can ever help you, you have only to call on me.

Sincerely,

MAYOR

Colonel of the Regiment's Message

MAJOR GENERAL C.B. WARE, DSO, CD

1973 was an eventful and highly successful year for all Battalions of the Regiment. For the first time in many years all were serving in Canada. They ranged throughout the West and North with imcomparable zeal and zest on every conceivable form of military exercise and training.

Although service in Cyprus was not in the plans, there were the usual many individuals and small groups to be found in United Nations Service in many countries. Toward the end of the year larger numbers were sent to Egypt, where they will carry out their diverse duties in the usual competent fashion.

The troops are young, fit, enthusiastic and full of pride. The Battalions are well commanded, well trained, thoroughly competent and morale is high.

Preparations were put in hand for celebrating our Diamond Jubilee. However, the record of these, and the reports on the exploits of individual battalions will be found elsewhere in this volume. Suffice it to say that I found the regular Battalions a great credit to Canada and to those who served before them from 1914 to the present.

Our Jubilee year sadly commenced with the grave blow we suffered in the loss of our beloved Colonel-in-Chief. She had long been prepared for the "next stage of existence. I've come to feel latterly that it is only a small step away and no great break! This is because <u>so</u> many of my dearest ones have gone on and they feel so close and 'alive' still. I can never think of them as 'dead'". Such was an extract from one of her letters.

But, she went on, as always, to express her ever present concern for "my beloved Regiment". The Regiment was the unceasing interest in her life and always in her thoughts and those thoughts were always proud and affectionate ones.

She followed our every fortune through two World Wars and Korea. She was happy in our triumphs and grieved in our casualties. In peacetime she continued in the same pattern and followed all our activities with no less devotion and diligence.

She gloried in her Triumphant visit to First Battalion in Germany and Second Battalion in Edmonton, during our Jubilee in 1964. She was pleased and enchanted to be there to review her Regiment, exactly fifty years later. Her father, H.R.H. Prince Arthur, the Duke of Connaught, was Colonel-in-Chief of our Allied Regiment, The Rifle Brigade for over fifty years and she delighted to think of her father and herself being in the unique position of jointly having over 100 years service as Colonels-in-Chief of Allied Regiments. Although this was to be her last visit to a Battalion, she insisted, in 1968, although ill, in seeing a detachment perform at the Royal Tournament in London.

I saw her last in May of 1973. She was ill, no longer able to follow her great love of painting and grieving at the loss of her husband. Although I saw her frequently and wrote regularly, she always looked forward to these verbal reports and this last was no exception. She was worried, as she had been for some time, that she could not do so many things, which as Colonel-in-Chief, she felt that she wished to do. She could no longer have visitors nor answer letters. I was able to reassure her that our loyalty and affection were ever constant, although she undoubtedly knew it, she was pleased.

She was sad that she could not be on parade with us on our Diamond Jubilee, as in 1964, however she followed the arrangements with much interest - and while lamenting her illness she asked me to tell the Regiment that she would certainly be with us, in spirit. And I have no doubt, that this, indeed, is the case.

The funeral was impressive, yet simple, as she would have wished. It was a private Royal Service at St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. As such, it was under the aegis of the Lord Chamberlain. Her Majesty the Queen and Queen Ingrid of Denmark attended as did other members of the British Royal family and foreign Royal relatives, along with her son Captain Alexander Ramsay and the Honorable Mrs. Alexander Ramsay with other close members of the family.

Lady Patricia had requested that she be borne by members of her Regiment and that I should represent all serving and veteran Patricias as the Colonel of her Regimental family. This was done. The bearers were drawn from all Battalions, under the command of the Regimental Adjutant. The party and the Regimental buglers were superb and quite faultless. Although intensely sad, it was comforting to know that her Regiment was with her to the end.

She was buried in the Royal Burial Grounds at Frogmore, beside her husband and her Grandmother, Queen Victoria.

It has been anticipated that there might have been a large memorial service in Britain where the Regiment and Association might be well represented. As this shall not be, Patricia Battalions, Association Branches and individuals shall be holding memorial services wherever they may be on our Colonel-in-Chief's birthday, on the seventeenth of March. In Ottawa the service shall be attended by our new Governor General, His Excellency, the Right Honorable Jules Leger, CC.

And so we come to the end of an era. We are an unique Regiment - for many reasons. We have been fortunate to have been raised, as we were, by Brigadier Hamilton Gault, as a sporting and patriotic venture, and we have been privileged to have our Colonel-in-Chief with us for almost sixty years. I do not expect that any Regiment shall ever again have the close relations with a Colonel-in-Chief that we enjoyed - on her part, such devotion, and on ours, such unfailing loyalty and affection.

She shall live on forever in our hearts. And she shall always live through her Regiment, which I know shall continue to serve Canada always in her name and trust, with spirit, valour and distinction. She would neither expect nor ask more.

Editor's Page

The death of Lady Patricia Ramsay overshadows all the activities of 1973. This is as it should be, for she was the pillar of our loyalty, the focal point of our affections and the epitome of what the Regiment stands for. After all, she was the Regiment. Without her we would not have the stature that we have. We can hold our heads high and be proud that we have known her, and have served her, in peace and in war.

Her memory will now live on in her Regiment, as she would have it. We have a tradition to uphold and expand.

Lady Patricia would not have us mourn her for long. This she would not tolerate. We shall pause, reflect and carry on. Her Regiment will forever be her memorial. A living memorial, vibrant, full of life and ever ready to do the tasks required of it.

It is my desire to record, for posterity, the names of a Master Warrant Officer and twelve Corporals. A group selected to be the bearers and buglers to attend at the funeral of Lady Patricia. Men who, without exception produced the solemnity, pageantry and ceremonial required of the occasion. Men who represented and epitomized all facets of the Regiment. Truly it was said, "She was carried on the shoulders of her Regiment and not necessarily by eight men alone".

First Battalion

Master Warrant Officer JF Klokied, CD Master Corporal NJ Baran, CD, bugler Master Corporal CA Gibson, CD Master Corporal JR Parker, CD Corporal JRD Proulx, bugler

Second Battalion

Master Corporal A Cherally Master Corporal JL Lockhart Master Corporal CA Roberton

Third Battalion

Master Corporal EJ Luscombe Master Corporal JT Towers Corporal PA Hoppe

Fourth Battalion - The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI)

Corporal G Sellyeh Corporal BS Taylor

This editor had the signal honour of commanding the group and felt humble indeed, to be able to represent the thousands who serve and have served the Regiment.

During the year 1973 it was your editor's privilege to again visit many facets of the Regimental family.

The first visit was made to Cyprus to join Second Battalion in the celebration of the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday. Being in the company of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, the Colonel of the Regiment and the President of the Regimental Association was indeed a distinct pleasure.

From Cyprus I travelled to England and three days at Hatch Court. This time was spent perusing a great quantity of the Founder's correspondence and manuscripts. An exciting find was the original inventory of kit and equipment, as issued to the Regiment in August of 1914, the total cost of which absorbed most of the Founder's \$100,000.00. Many other documents and letters of Regimental importance, were also uncovered.

Commander and Mrs. Nation are very efficiently maintaining the Gault collection and a very significant museum of Regimental artifacts.

The summer saw changes of command in both First and Third Battalion. The untimely death of Lieutenant Colonel R.F. Bruce, MBE, CD, precluded my attending at First Battalion's change of command, however, I can report that Third Battalion performed in a most exemplary manner.

A week-end in September was the time for a historic reunion and Edmonton was the location. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) in conjunction with the Edmonton Branch of the Regimental Association and The Forty-Niners were the hosts for a combined reunion and annual meetings of both associations. We can be truly proud of the professionalism of our Fourth Battalion.

Now we move into our 60th Diamond Jubilee year. A year of celebration and ceremony which our late Colonel-in-Chief would not have wanted altered in any way. We will be celebrating by exercising our right to the Freedom of the City of Winnipeg, performed by Second Battalion on the 24th of April, Third Battalion will Troop their Regimental Colour in July. They will also receive the Freedom of the City of Victoria, on behalf of the Regiment, in June. First Battalion will perform the Ceremony of Trooping the Colour, on the 10th of August, and host the National Reunion at the same time.

The Royal 22e Regiment also celebrates its Diamond Jubilee this year. To mark the association between the two Regiments, there will be an exchange of Platoons and a combined Guard of Honour on Parliament Hill. The Patricia platoon has now visited La Citadelle, during the Winter Carnival, and the R22eR platoon will visit Calgary during Stampede Week. The Guard of Honour will likely be during July.

It behoves all of us to support the celebrations, wherever possible, and join in a common band of camaraderie to strengthen the Regiment's stature. By this means, we will be adding further to the memory of Lady Patricia Ramsay and to those who have served and died for the Regiment.



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The Great War 1914-18 - The Regiment's Victoria Crosses

By

Lt Waymouth and OCdt Salmon, 1 PPCLI

It was October 1917 and the Regiment under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson, DSO, had just been moved into the area of the Ypres Salient. The region of the coming battle was at the same time both familiar and new to the Patricias, for it was here in early June 1916 that the Regiment had experienced the ordeal of Sanctuary Wood and Mount Sorrel. The intervening year had seen the city of Ypres reduced to little more than a colossal ruin, rendered as such by months of artillery and aerial bombardment. The rains of the summer of 1917 had produced a quagmire in the maze of trenches making up the battle lines. It was, indeed, a dismal setting.

But the fighting of that summer had been heartening. It had been the desire of the Commander-in-chief to force the Germans from the city of Ypres permanently, after some three years of occupation. In the two months of August and September some 3000 yards of new territory was added to the main line. When this advance broke down on swampy ground near Cambrai, the Third Army - of which the Canadian Corps was part - was called upon to maintain pressure in its own sector. It was to this end that the Regiment moved to Ypres.

From their arrival in the area, the Patricias were in for a difficult time. The war years had seen considerable improvement in the methods of German artillery and air bombing, and even in its somewhat withdrawn position in the Ypres suburbs, the Regiment did not escape casualties. Fortunately, the list of injured was considerably shorter than those of the units immediately facing the enemy.

The Corps offensive began on 26 October. This initial action saw the Patricias in reserve. Four days later, however, saw the Regiment join in one of its most fierce actions.

Just west of Passchendaele there exist two narrow spurs of ground which control, in their elevation, the western approach to the village. The southern feature was known as the Meetcheele Ridge. The fact that the attackers would need to attack up hill was not in itself disheartening - the Canadians had already stormed much more difficult positions. However, a defence system of concrete pillboxes made this task rather formidable. This was to be the objective for the Patricias.

30 October dawned bleak and windy - no less miserable for its lack of rain. The 2000 yards of ground over which the Regiment was to advance was frightful with mud and shell holes. In order to provide some manoeuvrability to the attacking troops, the Canadians for the first time incorporated looser group formations in each of the waves - this allowed greater freedom for command and initiative on the part of the sub-unit commanders. Such innovations hardly made the Regiment's job less difficult - Ralph Hodder Williams refers to the Passchendaele terrain as "...the worst ground fought

over in the war". So thick was the mud that the Regimental Pipers were unable to play the attackers "over the top". The Regiment attacked on a two company frontage of about 500 yards. Number 2 Company, commanded by Captain M. Ten Broeke, MC, was on the right, Number 3 Company, commanded by Major T.M. Papineau, MC, was on the left. Number 4 Company, commanded by Captain J.R. Macpherson supported Number 2 Company and Number 1 Company, commanded by Captain W.H. Morris, MC, supported Number 3 Company. As the companies scrambled forward every conceivable form of indirect and direct fire fell upon them. Under such conditions, it is no wonder that the first few hours saw most of the unit's Officers and Senior NCO's become casualties. The mere fact that the advance was maintained is a clear indication of the heart and soul put into the task at hand by every member of the Regiment.

By early morning what was left of the battalion was attacking the final objective, the Meetcheele Spur. As the Patricia's number gradually thinned, a last hurdle all but broke the back of the attack. A well-sited pillbox atop the Spur was producing devastatingly accurate fire, apparently impervious to our direct and indirect fire. The action that followed, when all but heart had failed, can only be sufficiently described by the following commendation which appeared respectively in the 13 February and 11 January 1918 editions of the London Gazette:

"For most conspicuous bravery and leading when in charge of a section of four machine guns accompanying the PPCLI in their attack on the Meetcheel Ridge. Passchendaele, on the morning of October 30, 1917.

Seeing that all the officers and most of the non-commissioned officers of an infantry company had become casualties, and that men were hesitating before a nest of enemy machine guns which were on commanding ground and causing them severe casualties, he handed over command of his guns to a N.C.O., rallied the infantry, organized an attack and captured the strong point.

Finding that the position was swept by machine gun fire from a pill-box which dominated all the ground over which the troops were advancing, Lt McKenzie made a reconnaissance and detailed flanking and frontal attacking parties which captured the pill-box, he himself being killed while leading the frontal attack.

By his valour and leadership this gallant officer ensured the capture of these strong points and so saved the lives of many men and enabled the objectives to be attained."

and,

"For most conspicuous bravery in the attack on the Meetcheele Ridge, Passchendaele, on the morning of October 30, 1917, when single-handed he captured a commanding pill-box, which had withstood the heavy bombardment and was causing heavy casualties to our forces and holding up the attack. He rushed a snipers' post in front and destroyed the garrison with bombs, and crawling on to the top of the pill-box, he shot the two machine gunners with his

revolver. Sgt Mullin then rushed to another entrance and compelled the garrison of ten to surrender. His gallantry and fearlessness were witnessed by many, and although rapid fire was directed upon him and his clothes were riddled by bullets he never faltered in his purpose, and he not only helped to save the situation but also saved many lives". So cited were the first two Victoria Crosses earned by the Regiment.

The Patricias were able to move on and successfully consolidate their objective because of many such examples of individual leadership and valour from all ranks. Unfortunately, when on 31 October the Regiment was relieved in the line, only a fraction of the unit remained. Nine officers had been killed, with 11 being wounded; 150 men were either killed or missing, and 193 were wounded. Considerable praise came to the Patricas for this action - but it had been dearly won.

Some ten months later saw the Regiment under the command of Lieutenant - Colonel C.J.T. Stewart, DSO, in another bitterly contested action, the Battle of Amiens. Early August 1918 brought the beginning of the most successful phase of the Allied operation in Flanders in the First World War. With the initial surprise attack on Amiens, the war suddenly became mobile as the Germans fell back in confusion. It was hoped that the stalemate of trench warfare was finally over, as the attacking armies drove thousands of metres into the defensive positions.

Throughout 8/9 August the German armies were pushed steadily back. However, by late on the 9th, the German High Command was able to inject into the line considerably more well-trained reserves than had been expected, bringing the offensive to a halt along the Somme Canal. For the initial few days the Patricias had been in brigade reserve and had not, therefore, been actively engaged. By the 10th, the Regiment once more found itself occupying a trench system in front of Parvillers, with direction to clear the trenches and assist its neighbouring battalions in resuming the offensive. 12 August saw the Regiment begin a co-ordinated attack which involved some very dirty trench clearing in the wooded outskirts of the village. The going was very difficult and the resistance was determined. Unfortunately, the early morning found German counter-attacks driving the Patricias' flanking battalion back from its position, leaving No. 3 Company PPCLI terribly exposed. Very quickly the soldiers found themselves hard-pressed on both flanks and from the rear by a battalion sized force. The situation left little to do but attempt a withdrawal a very desperate manoeuvre in the face of mounting German Pressure.

It was a fire-and-movement action, with considerable close-in fighting, and provided another opportunity for individual gallantry and sacrifice for which the Patricias were becoming increasingly well known. It was incidents such as the one involving Sgt Robert Spall that once more illustrated the mettle of which the Regiment was made.

"For most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice on the night of August 12 to 13, 1918, near Parvillers. When his platoon

was isolated during and enemy counter-attack, Sgt. Spall took a Lewis gun, and standing on the parapet fired upon the advancing enemy, inflicting severe casualties. He then came down the trench directing the men into a sap seventy-five yards from the enemy. Picking up another Lewis gun this gallant N.C.O. again climbed the parapet and by his fire held up the enemy. It was while holding up the enemy at this point that he was killed. Sgt Spall deliberately gave his life in order to extricate his platoon from a most difficult position, and it was owing to his bravery that the platoon was saved".

This is the citation for the third Victoria Cross won by the Regiment, as it appeared in the 26 October 1918 Gazette. The Regiment did not fare well in the Battle of Amiens in the matter of ground gained and retained. Counter-attacks by overwhelming forces twice pushed the Patricias back to the start line. However, as Hodder Williams states, "...the fact must be recorded as one of the most remarkable in its history that the losses at Amiens were far lighter than in any other Action of equal magnitude". Nevertheless it must be noted that the total casualties of the Patricias during the eight days of the battle of Amiens were 152: two officers killed and five wounded, 23 other ranks killed, 9 missing and 113 wounded.

It must never be forgotten that a regiment is a whole or single entity, but at the same time a collection of individuals which mould the fabric and personality of that entity. The recipients of the Regiment's three V.C.s are only indications of an encompassing spirit which is Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

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First Battalion

As this article is being prepared, all ranks of the First Battalion were grieved to learn of the death of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay, but we know of the warm feeling she had for her Regiment, and she will be paid special homage at a Memorial Service to be held on her birthday, March 17th.

1974, is of course, an important year for this Battalion and all Patricia's, as we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee. We can look back on 1973 as another year of achievment, in that, as well as continuing our normal role in Defence of Canada Operation, and support to various organizations during the Summer Months, we carried out important Mountain Training in Kananaskis and have begun to train our own Pay Level 3 private soldiers. From all reports, the level of instruction and the organization of our Training Company is superb, and we know the young soldiers who graduate will be worthy members of the Battalion.

The training that this Battalion conducted in 1973 is best described through the eyes of the Rifle Companies in their reports, which follow this article. Suffice it is to say that all ranks were especially enthused about such highlights as Exercise "Pegasus Challenge" and we're happy to report that Lieutenant Dan Davies, Officer Commanding Recce Platoon will be running another Mountain Training Camp in Kananaskis this coming summer.

As part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations the First Battalion will "troop" on the 10th of August. We sincerely hope that the representation of Patricias in the Calgary area will be great.

To all the readers of the Patrician, from all members of the first Battalion, "Happy Anniversary" and all the best of luck in 1974.

HEADOUARTERS COMPANY 1973

During 1973, it seemed the only time Headquarters Company was together was during Commanding Officer's Parades. The 5 Platoons and Company Headquarters were either spread across Wainwright, or other parts of Canada.

As usual, the Company got off to good start in '73 on winter training. Exercise Queen's Ransom, which was held in everybody's favorite garden spot "Wainwright", found the Platoons giving their support to the remainder of the Battalion.

During the exercise, the odd humorous event occurred Pioneer Platoon commander was called upon to flow the ice at purple Ford. His task was unknown to the Commanding Officer- (until the water came over his knees).

Also, on the light side, Signals Platoon found out that you cannot pitch an Arctic tent on a tree stump, and have the sides reach the ground, (Of course, it was dark).

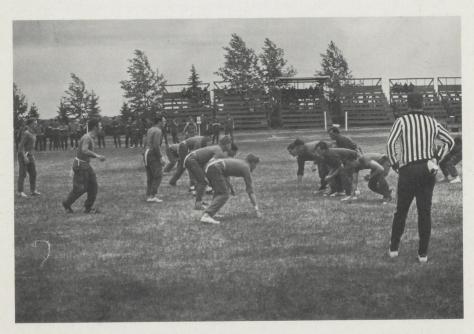
Putting these minor incidents aside, the Company showed that it still has the experience required to carry out a winter warfare operation.

March saw the Company back together in Calgary to celebrate the Regimental Birthday, with our wives and girlfriends thoroughly enjoying the all-ranks dance.

In the later part of April, the Company deployed on exercise Pegasus



Armoured Defence Platoon offloads their weapons from a Huey Helicopter during the Battalion exercise, Wainwright Concentration, 1973.



The Headquarters Company Offensive Team which place highly in the Combat Group Sports Meet Flag Football Series.



Warrant Officer Andy Aak, formerly of C Company First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, shows his form as he finishes a Nordic Race at the Canadian Forces Ski Championships at Banff.



Ancre Heights Platoon, Pay Level 3, A Company, on the Sarcee Ranges.



Drum Major LA Haley prepares to lead the French Grey Cup Parade.



A Company soldiers during Internal Security training on their Pay Level 3 Course.



Members of C Company start their trek through the South Kananaskis Pass during Exercise Pegasus Challenge.



An Armoured Defence jeep being lifted to the objective area near Park Farm, Wainwright Concentration, 1973.



Challenge. This exercise was designed to teach and practise movement, tactics, and resupply in a mountainous environment.

Basic training was conducted in the Kananaskis Mountains with a final move through the south Kananaskis Park to Canal Flats, British Columbia. The majority of the move was on foot, but, the latter stages saw the employment of assault boars and helicopters.

All members of the Company thoroughly enjoyed the exercise especially Recce Platoon instructors who found that the more Boisterous Company Sergeant Majors became meek at times when in the centre of a 70 foot ravine standing on a ½ inch rope bridge.

Pioneers contributed a baseball diamond complete with obstacles which drew the odd complaint from the rifle companys. However, the Battalion enjoyed the sauna they built on Moccassin Flats.

On our return to Calgary the Company participated in the Feu de Joie, and started shaking out for Waincon/Milcon '73, also not to forget summer employment with cadets, SSEP etc... (Student Summer Employment Plan),.

Congratulations to our Armoured Defence Platoon, who showed their expertise by winning the 106 Recoilless Rifle competition against our rival Battalions during Waincon.

Mortar Platoon was kept busy with their live firing, and training sub-units in fire controlling. They were also exercised in quick action "drills" in a 3 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery competition. However, as usual, all subunits were more than happy to return to Calgary and some annual leave.

In October the Company flag football team won the French Grey Cup by defeating A Company. Another highlight of the day was (?) Miss Headquarters Company winning the title Miss (?) French Grey Cup even if her (?) pantyhose did not fit.

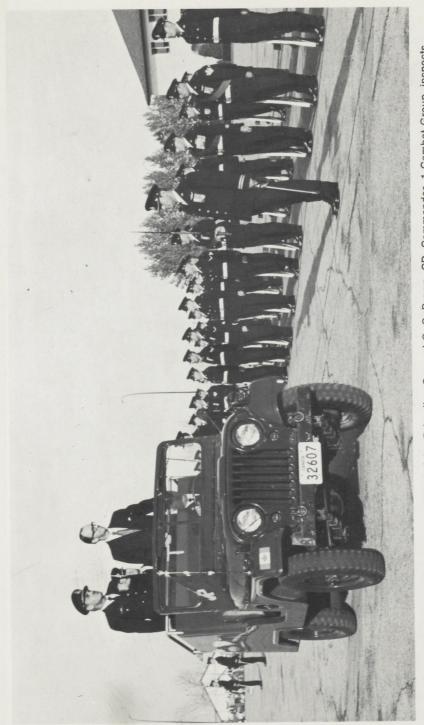
In closing out the year, Armoured Defence Platoon reorganized into a dual role with the Corps of Drums, and the remainder of the Company settled in to run Pay Level 4 courses.

About this time, our Company said farewell to our Company Sergeant Major, Master Warrant Officer NB Carlson, upon his retirement, and also good luck to several members including our Company Commander Major Lew Mackenzie, who are now serving in the United Nations Force in Eygpt.

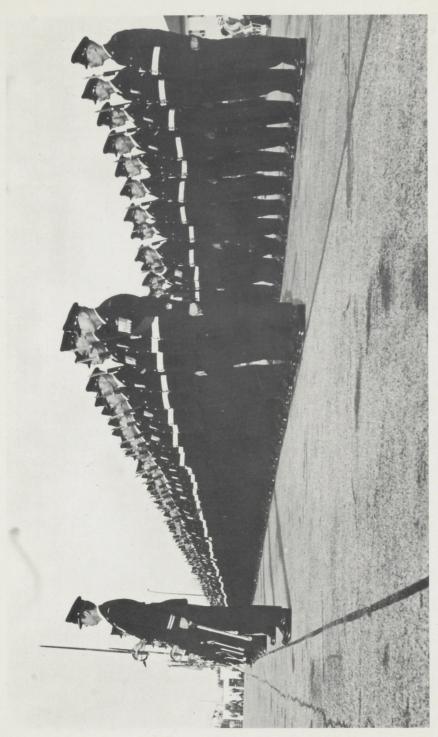
A COMPANY 1973

A Company got off to great start in 1973 by taking part in the Combat Group Winter Exercise Queens Ransom. Many valuable lessons in winter warfare were relearned which were to stand the company in good stead for the remainder of the winter training period.

March saw the Company flying to Exercise New Viking in the Churchill and Frobisher Bay area. The Company was augmented by platoons from both C Company and D Company. Also joining us for the exercise were Captains Al Jacobs, Gary Watson, Paul Borowski, and Staff Sergeants Jim Roberts and Jeff Keel from the United States Army Infantry School in Fort Benning Georgia. It was their first experience with winter warfare and they left impressed with the professionalism and experience of A Company soldiers.



Mayor J. R. Sykes of Calgary, accompanied by Brigadier General G. G. Brown, CD, Commander, 1 Combat Group, inspects First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during the Feu de Joie and Retreat Ceremony held on the 27th of May, 1973.



Number 6 Guard, on the left of the line of the Battalion, during the Feu de Joie Germany.



Left to Right, Lieutenant-Colonel CW Hewson, CD, and Brigadier-General GG Brown, CD, get a briefing on the ski run at Mount Norquay before the Canadian Forces Ski Championships, largely conducted by First Battalion.



Left to Right, Private Everess, Corporal DW Bedford and Private MacDonald take a pause during their work preparing the slopes at Mount Norquay for the ski meet.



The Deputy Commanding Officer, Major John Bishop, CD, at the end of his Battle Efficiency Run.



Lieutenant-Colonel CW Hewson, CD, is presented with an oil painting during the Change of Command parade in July. In the background are, Left to Right, Lieutenant-Colonel JL Sharpe, CD, Brigadier-General GG Brown, CD, and Brigadier-General JA de Lalanne, CBE, MC, ED. (Retired).

On our return to "Lower Canada" the company found itself in more familiar surroundings. Exercise Pegasus Challenge proved to be just that, a challenge. The first part of the exercise was spent convincing all ranks that mountain ropes really are safe. Mortar Platoon joined us for the exercise phase and provided neccessary command support when Officer Commanding Captain Bob Kompf had to leave for Op Holly (Op Swan) Lieutenant Don Kreuger found a new way to stop assault boats; hit a large rock! Luckily he practised gymnastics and did a near perfect flip into the Kootenay River.

May found the Company taking part in the Feu de Joie and shaking out for Waincon and Milcon '73.

In Wainwright our forced march team failed to win, however, our soccer team did manage to place as runners up.

Much valuable experience was gained and many lessons were learned during our Wainwright Sojourn. All ranks of the Company heaved a sigh of relief as we packed up and prepared to move back to Calgary for the Summer Leave Period.

In early August Pay Level 3 training became our major concern. Warrant Officer Holmes was given the monstrous task of co-ordinating and preparing the numerous reports and returns required to keep the organization afloat.

Ancre Heights Platoon commanded by Lieutenant Dave Waymouth started training on the 13th of August. Arras 1917'18 Platoon started shortly after, on the 17th of September. After a full and rewarding training schedule both Platoons have now finished their training and have joined the company. The best candidate from Ancre Heights Platoon was Private Brian Cameron. Private Gerald Topham came out first in Arras 1917'18 Platoon.

In September personnel from the Company not involved in Pay Level 3 training took part in a Company Exercise named "Romeo Ramble". The Exercise took place in the Bow River Forest area and was designed to familiarize the company with helicopter rapelling and mountain training (walking). A few shakey moments were spent by all, getting used to the rapelling. In the end, however, all ranks qualified and there was a constant fight to see who got up and out first. (apologies to 408 Squadron).

Also in September we had a change in Company 21C's Captain Wayne Thorton from RSS Eastern detachment replaced Captain Dick Robinson.

In October the Company participated in the French Grey Cup and only just lost to Headquarters Company. Corporal Clayton McLean received the trophy for the most valuable player and Officer Cadet Doug Salmon received the trophy for outstanding lineman. A Company still maintains their Queen was the prettiest, even though she didn't win.

In November we lost Corporal Gordie Burnell and Privates Pete Melvin, Phil Mosby, Don Philpott and Kevin MacDonald to UNEF Egypt. We know they will do well at what ever they're required to do.

The end of the year saw A Company handling its Pay Level 3 operation to the newly formed Training Company. The company is now getting into winter training with the United States Forces and looking forward to Exercise Ace Card VII in Alaska after the New Year.

B COMPANY

B Company started off the new year reviving the old skills of winter warfare. The many new faces within the company had their feet firmly planted in the snow for the first time. We were then off to Wainwright for Exercise Queen's Ransom. An engineer officer, Lieutenant P Howe, who would be working with the company during the ski championships, volunteered to see what soldiering was all about with B Company. After polishing off the rough edges B Company entered the final exercise. The weather proved to be a very important factor in this winter exercise but even so everyone stood the test very well. With winter exercise finished the next priority for the company was the Canadian Forces Ski Championships which was held in Banff. The events all went well and everyone was pleased to have come to this fantastic skiing area in the Rocky Mountains.

March 17th brought the usual regimental birthday celebrations plus a new added feature called the Chain of Command Race. As you might have guessed B Company proved to be the winners. The company re-organized to prepare for Pay Level 3 training. We said good-bye to many good soldiers at the farewell company party, with a good time had by all. Our two new platoons arrived from Cornwallis in May and training was the top priority. It is at this time we said good-bye to our Officer Commanding, Major L.W. MacKenzie, who was off to Vietnam. The summer months were going by very quickly. Our new Officer Commanding, Captain V.J.S. McKeen, arrived in July just in time for Stampede Week. B Company exercised the Battalion's Freedom of the City at this time firing a Feu de Joie with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner as the reviewing officer. With July coming to a close the company moved into the mountains for our final Pay Level 3 exercise. It involved training in navigation, patrolling, survival and an added feature helicopter rappelling. Many good lessons were learned, especially this one, when rappelling, you must always look at the ground. After flying back from the mountains we finished the exercise with Prisoner of War training. I'm sure there will be memories of this aspect of training for all in B Company for some time to come. Suddenly graduation was here and annual leave was a welcomed

During the fall the Company was very active doing annual refresher training. Specialty courses followed in October, November and December. The year was drawing to a close very quickly. At this time the company lost a very fine soldier, Private R.J. Lee who was killed in an accident. Christmas and the New Year leave period were again upon us and the cycle of Winter training had started again.

C COMPANY REPORT

The year 1973 has been an interesting one for the mechanized Company. It began as most years do with a winter exercise (Queen's Ransom) in January held on that interesting piece of real estate. Camp Wainwright. The Company lost her Armoured Personnel Carriers for this exercise as they were distributed throughout the battalion. The company became snowshoe-borne peons, sad

blow to the platoon commanders and company commander who were known to fancy themselves as junior Romels. As a matter of fact Captain Peter Chamberlain "that incredibly scruffy Green Jacket" was heard to remark "I came here for a good time, not a hard time" and promptly joined the base ski team. He fared fairly well. He missed Queen's Ransom and made it through the ski season without breaking any bones. This left the company in the capable hands of Captain Bob McLean and under his direction Charlie Company ricochetted around Wainwright for the duration of the exercise. The only two incidents worth noting are the near total annihilation of a platoon from the Airborne Regiment foolish enough to test our defences and the near demise of company headquarters through the use of Captain McLean's catalytic heater. After his apparent success in battle Captain McLean left the infantry and is now the Base Personnel Selection Officer.

Captain Chamberlain once again took command of Charlie Company (the ski season was over) for our next event, Exercise Pegasus Challenge. This exercise proved to be one of the most interesting exercises for the young soldiers (and most of the older ones) had been able to enjoy in quite some time. The exercise began with four days of mountain training followed by a trek over the South Kananaskis Pass to the Palliser River. We then got into assault boats and paddled our way to Canal Flats where we were able to catch the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

It should be noted that Charlie Company covered more ground faster than all the other companies, proof that we don't need Armoured Personnel Carriers to move fast.



Warrant Officer Frank Douglas navigates members of 9 Platoon, C Company down the Palliser River.



Master Warrant Officer Clem Poff, Company Sergeant Major C Company takes time for a scrape shave in Canal Flats, end of the trek, on Exercise Pegasus Challenge.



L - R Sergeant JE McClellan, A Coy, Sergeant OJ Overton, C Coy, and Private LK Stuart, C Coy, receive awards from the Commanding Officer, Lleutenant Colonel JL Sharpe, for their first place in the Alberta, Mary Otter First Ald Competition.



L - R, Captain Peter Chamberlin, Royal Green Jackets, Sergeant "Trapper" Couronne, Lieutenant Dan Davies, and Corporal Bob DeBruyne, dry socks during a pause on the trail in the South Kananaskis.

Pegasus Challenge was followed by Waincon '73 where once again Charlie Company was able to use her beloved Armoured Personnel Carriers to good advantage. The highlight of the period in Wainwright was an escape and evasion exercise which allowed the young soldiers to apply their fieldcraft and initiative to avoid Recce Platoon. Those that were captured ended up in the clutches of Captain Cassidy, Captain Robinson and Sergeant Wilson. After twenty-two hours of no food or sleep but plenty of harrassment, mosquitoes and frequent cold baths Sergeant Overton, Master Corporal Hibbs and Private Ferris had still refused to give any information. They were much relieved when finally freed by the remainder of Charlie Company. It was felt by some, that certain people would have made excellent war criminals, but to date those persons have still evaded capture. The end of Waincon '73 also marked the end of Captain Chamberlain's tour in Canada, and we were very sorry to see him go. We had a fine party to celebrate this occasion and sent him back to Britain with his pockets full of swamp mud from Mott Lake. We were promised a replacement but as yet he has not shown up. We know that Captain Henry Lancelot Ruck-Keene will be able to maintain the fine standard of professionalism set by Captains Rimmer and Chamberlain.

The remainder of the summer saw Charlie Company scattered to the four corners of the country, and beyond. Lieutenant Jim Lee spent three months in the northland on Exercise New Viking giving many people the benefit of his experience as a Patricia.

Lieutenant Dan Davies attended the American Ranger Course and showed the "You Alls" how it was done by graduating as an honor student. Many of us didn't recognize him on his return as he had lost his curly locks and thirty-one pounds! Warrant Officer Loucks help set up a cadet camp at Whitehorse where Sergeant Gagne was later to instruct survival techniques, after which he went to Gagetown to get his 6B qualification. Corporal Hey, our CQMS's driver also went to Gagetown to learn (of all things) how to drive! We are happy to report he successfully completed the course. Sergeant Bennett has since been posted to 2 Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry, a sad loss for the 1st Battalion and Charlie Company. The 2nd Battalion have gained an excellent Non Commissioned Officer and we hope he will remember his friends in Charlie Company as we remember him.

For the remainder of us in Charlie Company the summer passed quickly with Student Summer Employment Programme, Area Rank and Trades School Cadet training etc...Some of us even managed to fit in some leave!

The fall brought many changes to Charlie Company with postings and unit courses. We finally got a new Company Commander in Major John Bremer, another man who believes that Mech Company must be the elite as we are the ones to whom the rest of the Battalion looks for the skills required of a modern professional arm. Charlie Company will continue to set the example and some day perhaps the rest of the companies will be equipped to do the job as well as we can. They will have to go a long way to reach our standard for we know we are the best. Just ask us!!!

As this year comes to a close we can look back with pride on our accomplishments. We look forward with anticipation to the coming events of the New Year, knowing that Charlie Company will never be found lacking! Someday you too may be able to serve with Charlie Company, THE MECH COMPANY.

D COMPANY 1973

D Company started the year by participating in Exercise Queens Ransom in Wainwright during the month of January. Weather conditions were ideal for the exercise and the Company had a good opportunity to practise winter operations under realistic conditions.

In early March a platoon from D Company accompanied A Company on Exercise New Viking returning to Calgary in time to go with D Company on Exercise Pegasus Challenge. The exercise involved several days of mountain Training in the Kananaskis Range West of Calgary followed by a Mountain walk and River voyage down the Kootney River to Canal Flats British Columbia. The exercise was successful in offering several physically and mentally challenging opportunities to all members of the company including a grueling three hour army bus ride back to Calgary immediately following a company party at Canal Flats.

At the end of May after over two weeks of practise the Company produced a first class fifty man guard for the Battalion Feu de Joie ceremony held at the Currie Barracks as part of the Canadian Forces Base, Calgary Armed Forces Day celebration. With the Feu de Joie ceremony completed we began preparations for Waincon 73.



B Company, under command of Captain V. J. McKeen, CD, exercises the Freedom of the City of Calgary during Stampede Week, 1973.



The 1 PPCLI Flag Football Team, which unfortunately lost out to the Service Battalion in an exciting final.

The Company departed for Wainwright on the 2nd of June with about fifty all ranks and after a week of training together there a platoon commanded by Captain Dave Rudd left Wainwright for Alaska where they were to participate in two weeks field training with the United States Army. The withdrawl of this platoon effectively reduced the strength of the Company left in Wainwright to the point where it was unable to participate as a sub-unit in the remainder of the concentration.

Those fifteen members who did not go to Alaska were therefore employed in constructing and operating two field firing ranges for the remaining Companies in the Battalion. Not much glory for D Company but at least a sense of satisfaction from the well constructed and efficiently run ranges.

The platoon in Alaska spent an excellent two weeks on exercise with USARAL and Captain Dave Rudd, Master Warrant Officer Frank Buxton, Warrant Officer Ed Bulger, Sergeant Howie Gagnon, Corporal Glen Clyke. Privates Stewart and Forde were awarded their United States Parachutist wings after completing several descents from Chinook helicopters.

In early July after everyone returned to Calgary, most of the Company dispersed to take part in the various Militia and Cadet assistance programmes for the remainder of the summer and also got some leave in during the months of July and August.

The Company's strength was brought up to 119 in Mid-September by the arrival of some fifty new soldiers from Gagetown and the month also saw the command of the Company change hands from Captain Bob Burns to Captain Bill Bewick. Unit courses commenced in October and about fifty percent of the Company were involved in these with the remainder participating in annual refresher training, range work and winter indoctrination training until the commencement of Christmas leave in Mid-December.

Privates Bob Conniff, Jerry Stewart, Don McRae and Kim Whitaker departed for service with UNEF Egypt early in December. Although their tasks there are not particularly infantry-like, we are sure they will do well in whatever is required of them and look forward to having them back in D Company next summer.

The new year will find the Company without its platoon commanders as Lieutenant Jerry Liboiron will depart for a three month French language course in early January and Lieutenant Jim Calvin will take command of a recruit training platoon in the training company. With all the new Senior Non Commissioned Officers we are looking forward to a successful new year and expect to excel in everything we set out to do.

SP COMPANY

1973 was one of those years, lots to do but seemingly not enough time to do it in. However, we met all requirements of the battalion which is our purpose and all ranks of the Company displayed a professional approach to the given tasks.

A Support Company write-up with 12 sub-units would be a lengthy report if we wrote up on each one, so only the highlights will be recorded.



First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Officers involved in exercising the Combat Group Headquarters during Waincon 73



Major LW MacKenzie, CD is greeted by Major JK Bishop, CD upon his return from Vietnam.



Soldiers of B Company pass through an enemy position during Exercise Queen's Ransom - June, 1973.



March 17th - The Officers' vs Sergeants Broom-i-Loo game. Master Wararnt Officer Les White prepares to decapitate Captain John Thompson.

Company Headquarters saw a lot of changes, including a posting for our Officer Commanding, Major R.N. Patterson, to combat Arms School. He was replaced by Major W.H. (Hoochie Monster) Minnis on his return from Vietnam, who, in turn, was replaced by Captain P O'Leary when Major Minnis went to Training Company.

For 22 years of UNDETECTED CRIME Warrant Officer Fred Udell our friendly CQMS was awarded both the CD and clasp. He has since gone on a swan to Egypt with UNEF.

QM Stores had a big turnover of personnel. Good men lost and good men gained. Master Corporal Kinnersley R.W. rebadged to Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and reverted to Corporal.

The old soldiers in the Accommodation Ranch are not so happy. They learned that rustling was not dead. Corporal Lytle's horse is gone missing, just when he figured on riding it to work.

Sergeant RD Steadman, Corporal EPJ Couronne and Corporal H. Davies are all retiring in '74.

Transport lost Captain G.W. Schapansky to recruiting in the British Columbia area, but it's good to see a soldier get a break. Captain D.L. Giacomelli is now the Transport Officer. He saw the light and was posted from the "Van Doos" to us in September.

Sergeant Brignell as the Transport Sergeant continues to run a tight ship. With his work load you have to have control. Keep in line or "POW"!

Trade Pioneer Section, another old soldiers establishment, came up with the Queen for the French Grey Cup Parade. They figured "Old Soldiers", "Old Queen". Corporal V.T.C. Bostock, complete with a grey wig, made a charming (UGH) Queen.

The Medical Section under Sergeant Gorman continues to keep the Battalion healthy. This is in direct competition with the Calgary Fillies.

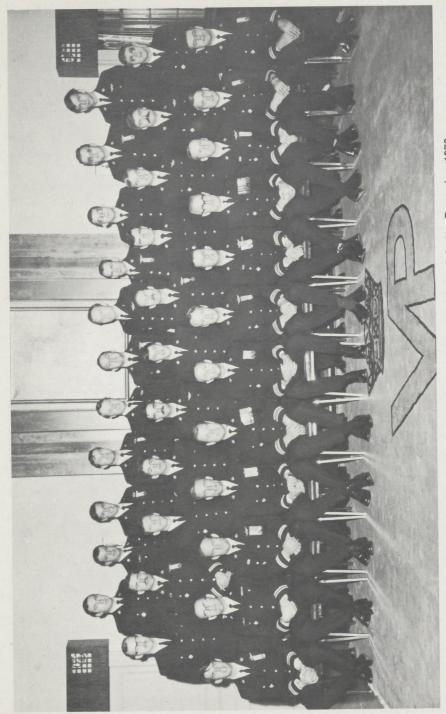
The MP Section under Sergeant M.J. Wilson ably assisted by Master Corporals Basso and Corney and Corporal Murphy are keeping a watchful eye on the lower forms of life, i.e. Thieves etc...and security has never been tighter.

The Ration Section under Sergeant JE Smith is in control of the Mens Kitchen. He continued to run a good mess. With luck he may get adequate kitchen facilities before he retires in 1982.

Regimental Headquarters housing the Museum Staff, - Corporal WJ Green, Kit Shop - Warrant Officer J Vallance, Regimental Adjutant, Captain V. Cole with Sergeant RS Turner and Corporal DR Sarahs as slaves, are busily engaged in preparing for our jubilee year.

The General Duties section, that little known group of men comprised of Waiters in the Officers and Sergeants Messes and the Junior Ranks Club continue to do a service to all and are greatly appreciated. Even if we can't get them on parade to tell them so.

The Personnel Section (The Head Shed Gang) in the Battalion Orderly Room with the Adjutant - Captain M.W. McMurray, Assistant Adjutant Captain G.J. Manchester and Warrant Officer R.J. Carrick and staff make



Officers of First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, December 1973.

sure that we have enough paper work. Would be nice if somebody would say no. However "More Duty, More Honour".

The Maintenance Platoon, now under the command of Lieutenant R. Danahy, is busily preparing the Battalion vehicles for the hardships of Suffield and the even greater hardships of the Maintenance Team Inspection. (We all know they're overworked and underpaid, but don't tell em)!

In all, 1973 with all its problems was very interesting and we are probably better off for accomplishing what we did.

To finalize the year, we had an all ranks mixed company party, which was well attended and showed that although we have a diversified organization we are working like a Company.



C Company moves through the South Kananaskis Pass during Exercise Pegasus Challenge.

PROMOTIONS TO RANK SHOWN

Captain DG Cassidy Captain RA Cunningham Captain DL Giacommelli

Captain RS Routledge Captain DJ Rudd

Lieutenant JW Reekie

Warrant Officer R Philips Warrant Officer KG Villiger

Sergeant AL Gauthier Sergeant PA Stott

Sergeant HG Bennett Sergeant RG Buxton

RETIREMENTS

Master Warrant Officer NB Carlson Master Warrant Officer JW Reinholt Warrant Officer SH Ambrose

Sergeant HD Anderson Sergeant JA Rose Sergeant RH MacDonald

Sergeant GF Gascoine Sergeant WR Hubert

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

Lieutenant-Colonel JL Sharpe

Major JR Bishop

Major JS Bremmer

Captain OL Gaicomelli Captain HL Ruck-Keene Captain G Furrie

Captain HM McMurray

Captain VJ McKeen Captain AJ Lavoie Captain AJ Flaman Captain HT Kranenburg

Lieutenant RF Danahy Lieutenant GJ Liberon Lieutenant TJ Calvin Lieutenant DS Heath Lieutenant JE Sutcliffe

Lieutenant FL Frote Lieutenant MD Allen Lieutenant JB Lee Lieutenant DE Waymouth

Officer Cadet DA Salmon

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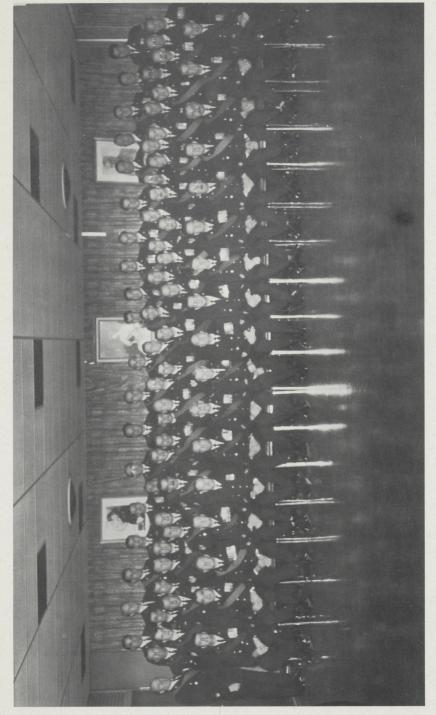
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Sergeant AG Arnold Sergeant JE Smith Sergeant CE Barker Sergeant LC Fuller Sergeant Gorman Sergeant RG Roach Sergeant GL Lee

Sergeant JT Peebles Sergeant PA Stott Sergeant RG Buxton Sergeant MJ Wilson Sergeant SH Ambrose Sergeant FJ Morton



Holiday Haven on the Kootenay, Warrant Officer DF MacLeod, CD, (in civvies) has a chat with Warrant Officer F Udell, CD, during Exercise Pegasus Challenge.



Warrant Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers of First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, December, 1973.



Privates Neilson and Gervais of Mortar Platoon during Wainwright Concentration, 1973.



Captain WE Myers, Medical Officer, serves members of Support Company during the 1972 Men's Christmas Dinner.

STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

Lieutenant-Colonel CW Hewson

Major RN Patterson Major CK Corbould

Captain DA Hill
Captain JK Thompson
Captain RR Burns
Captain BK Wilson
Captain WE Myers
Captain DA Pippolo

Captain RG McLean Captain RW Ashton Captain HW Elliot Captain JG Grefford Captain DJ Rudd Captain GW Schapansky

Lieutenant MD Allen Lieutenant JW Reekie

Lieutenant GS Harper Lieutenant RJ Shipley

Officer Cadet JW Lafontange

Warrant Officer TD Reid Warrant Officer E Walushka Warrant Officer EL Bulger Warrant Officer JD Jenkins Warrant Officer Davies Warrant Officer WJ Trehune Warrant Officer E Aak

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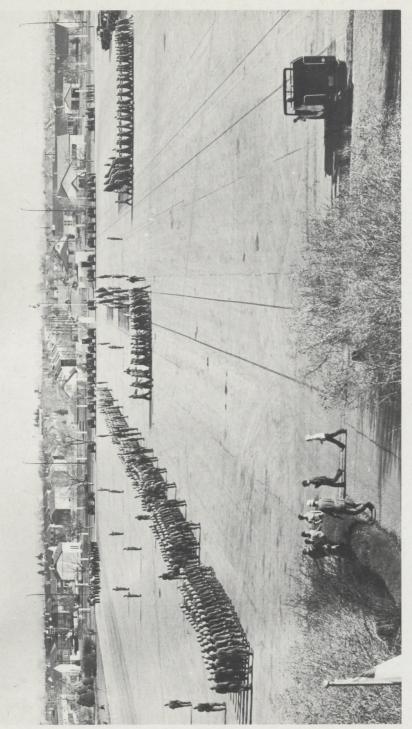
A young trooper checks out an Infra-Red Weapon Sight while Private Snea, C Company, looks on, during the Armed Forces Day display, 26 May, 1973.



Warrant Officer LJ Connell, CD, checks out the entrance to the Prisoner of War cage, used in a B Coy exercise.



Chief Warrant Officer HA Johnston, CD, Regimental Sergeant Major, 1 PPCLI receives his warrant from the Commander, Brigadier-General GG Brown, CD.



The Combat Group (Calgary) units on parade for a farewell to Lieutenant-General GA Turcot, CD, retiring as Commander, Mobile Command.



Sergeant Lou Pinter supervises the loading of the .50 Calibre Heavy Machine Gun during the Armed Forces Day display 26 May, 1973.



Members of the 1 PPCLI Soccer Team under their coach Sergeant K Zoboski (back row, right)

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The Second World War - The Hitler Line

A BLOODY DAY AT THE HITLER LINE

by LCol J. L. Sharpe

The breaching of the Hitler Line in Italy, in May 1944, although a Canadian success, was a very bloody battle for the Patricia's in their heroic albeit unsuccessful attempt to seize their objective.

The 1st Canadian Corps commanded by Lieutenant General Burns was given the task of breaching the Hitler Line between the town of Pontecorvo and the river Forme d'Aquino. Major General Vokes with his 1st Canadian Infantry Division was to break the Line and open a gap for exploitation by the 5th Canadian Armoured Division commanded by Major General Hoffmeister. The 1st Division was deployed with the 1st Brigade left, 3rd Brigade centre and 2nd Brigade right. There were two Divisional plans of attack. Plan One called for a co-ordinated assault on the centre and right by 3rd and 2nd Brigades. Plan Two called for an attack on the left by the 1st Brigade and if successful the 2nd Brigade would follow the 1st Brigade in an attempt to turn the Hitler Line from the left. Plan One was eventually adopted six hours before "H" hour.

The disposition of the 2nd Brigade was Seaforth of Canada left, Patricia's right and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in reserve. Tank support was provided by the North Irish Horse with two squadrons to the Seaforth and one squadron to the Patricia's. Unfortunately this Regiment was only assigned to the Brigade the day before the attack and all previous training and planning had been conducted with a different armoured unit.

The Hitler Line was a fortified defensive zone in the Liri Valley. Although the Line was never completed and was weak in infantry it was a formidable obstacle, particularly in the sector assigned to the 2nd Brigade. The approaches were guarded by thick aprons of wire and the ground was sown with both anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. In the construction of the Hitler Line emphasis was given to anti-tank defences in depth. The main anti-tank emplacements were traversable 75mm Panther and Tiger turrets mounted in concrete. These positions were protected by numerous two-man machine gun posts and mobile anti-tank guns on the flank. All fixed positions were well built, had underground bunkers, had excellent fields of fire and were capable of standing up to most shell fire. These were the defences against which Lieutenant Colonel Ware was to lead the Patricia's.

May 20th to 22nd were confusing and frustrating days for the Patricia's. They were in location on the right flank for Plan One but had to be ready to move quickly to the Divisional left flank in support of Plan Two. Several times they packed up in preparation for a move only later to be stood down. This situation seriously restricted the 2nd Brigade in conducting the necessary reconnaissance of the Hitler Line in the Aquino area. The limited reconnaissance that was conducted showed to the Patricia's that the Forme d'Aquino could complicate the plan of attack. The deep trough and steep

banks of this slow moving stream made it impassable to tanks. The stream forced the 2nd Brigade through a bottle-neck upon which the enemy could concentrate its fire. Even more important the enemy along the east bank of the stream would have the Patricia's in enfilade as they were the extreme right battalion of the divisional attack.

By midnight on May 22nd word was finally received that Plan One would be executed at 0600 hours on May 23rd, ie, in six hours time. Lieutenant Colonel Ware assisted by his second-in-command Major D. H. Rosser and adjutant Captain R. C. M. Gammell made the necessary final preparations for the attack. "C" Company, commanded by Major R. B. Hobson would lead on the left and "A" Company, commanded by Major W. deN Watson, would lead on the right. The Patricia's battlefield was divided by five report lines each 300 yards apart; "January, February, March, April" and "Aboukar" was the final objective astride the Aquino road.

At 0557 hours on May 23rd more than 300 guns began laying down a barrage across the attack zone. The barrage advanced at a rate of 100 yards every five minutes and it was important for the infantry to keep close behind the barrage. At 0600 hours the Seaforth and Patricia's crossed the start line.

The enemy was quick to sense the impending attack and as the Canadians moved through patches of low-growing oaks, which partly concealed their early advance, the full force of the enemy fire fell on them from front and flank. Intense mortar fire, punctuated with artillery shelling, caught them between start line and wire, and as our barrage passed, German machine gun crews emerged from their deep dugouts and added their vicious burst to the general fusillade. On the right, the Aquino sector was strongly held by the 4th Parachute Regiment and part of the 3rd. Many of the early Patricia casualties came from the deadly cross-fire which swept down the open Forme d'Aquino from the paratroopers on the east bank of the stream.

At first the Patricia's, whose axis was on the extreme right where the ground fell sharply away into the Forme d'Aquino, made steady progress and within an hour had closed to "February". At "February" the ground forced the Churchill tanks of the North Irish Horse into a frontage of only 150 yards. It was also here that the tanks encountered an unexpected minefield which completely blocked their path. While thus immobilized they came under deadly fire from the 75mm tank guns. The tanks were forced to fall back thus leaving the infantry to advance alone. Throughout the day numerous attempts were made to breach the minefield however work party after work party was decimated by the enemy's direct and indirect fire. Corporal R. Armstrong and his pioneer section raised 75 mines whilst under direct enemy fire but a gap could not be completed. The tanks also continued to try to get forward but without success. Altogether 41 of the 58 British tanks engaged on the 2nd Brigade front were knocked out during the day.

With the Patricia's now separated from their tanks and support weapons and falling further and further behind the friendly barrage they fought their way forward into a shallow gully branching from the main valley of the Forme d'Aquino. The two leading companies penetrated the wire in the grainfields beyond but in doing so ran into numerous anti-personnel mines and could

advance no further. Wounded Patricia's were afterwards found well beyond the wire, and two days later the battalion welcomed back some 30 able-bodied men of the assault companies who had gone to ground in the Hitler Line when organized forward movement ceased.

At this point communication failed and the only information reaching Lieutenant Colonel Ware's headquarters came from casualties streaming back with tales of platoons decimated and all officers dead or wounded. Runners and scouts were sent out but none returned. For better tactical control Lieutenant Colonel Ware moved his headquarters to "February" and took shelter behind a disabled tank. He quickly had to move however as the tank was still being engaged by the enemy. Communications remained poor and Lieutenant Colonel Ware was frequently on the move, striving to preserve cohesion amongst his companies. Time and time again men were struck down around him as he moved about the battlefield.

Although "A" and "C" Companies had penetrated the wire they could not continue on because of the enemy fire and mines and because of the terrible number of casualties they had suffered. "B" Company commanded by Captain A. M. Campbell and "D" Company commanded by Captain A. S. Ennis-Smith, advancing behind "A" and "C" Companies eventually reached the wire where they too were brought to a halt by machine guns firing from cupolas at point blank range. Snipers seemed to be everywhere and further progress was impossible. Enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire continued to rain down on the pinned-down companies from both front and flank and it was impossible for the tanks to come to their assistance.

The Seaforth on the left initially had better success but soon they too were pinned down and could not get forward. Once the Seaforth and Patricia advance was stopped the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), commanded by Lieutenant Colonel R. C. Coleman, quickly moved forward in an attempt to pass through and continue onto the final objective. After gallant attempts to get forward and after suffering heavy casualties they too were halted by the strong German defences and the murderous direct and indirect fire. They never really had a chance as the artillery barrage had long since passed, the tanks could still not get forward, and little support and information could be provided by the Seaforth and Patricia companies already pinned down.

The advance by the 2nd Brigade had been halted. For the remainder of the day the details of the fighting were confusing. Only through the personal accounts of the survivors could the story be continued. Many of the stories now to be repeated were taken from Colonel Steven's Volume III of the Patricia's Regimental History.

Major W deN Watson who led "A" Company found himself alone on the battlefield as most of his men had been either killed or wounded. In an attempt to find his men or other members of the battalion he twice went forward to the battalion objective on the Aquino road only to find it occupied by the enemy. Although wounded in the arm and head he remained in a shell hole in the Hitler Line and was found still in good spirits the day following the battle.

Captain A. M. Campbell who led "B" Company courageously and well was the only officer of the rifle companies still on his feet at the end of the day.

As officers became casualties the non-commissioned officers automatically assumed the command roles. Company Sergeant Major W. D. Davidson of "B" Company performed most courageously. While under heavy fire he searched for and found a lost platoon, stalked and killed two snipers and brought in many of the wounded. Unfortunately he was killed the following day while bringing in more of the wounded.

Sergeant E. D. Edkins of "C" Company, after being wounded twice in the initial advance, turned over command of his platoon to a corporal in order to stalk and capture a sniper in a camouflage pit. Sergeant G. L. Dick, after a heavy shoot, found himself in command of "D" Company; he immediately reorganized it with resolution and skill. Sergeant F. Bentham of 14 Platoon, although wounded and with only two men left, continued to attack from shell hole to shell hole and was able to direct the supporting tanks on to enemy machine gun nests.

Corporal F. W. Snell fought a duel in the open in which he killed three snipers. When there were no non-commissioned officers left in 12 Platoon, Private Ian Sangster took command, rallied the men and led an attack against an enemy tank. Thereafter for eight hours he and his small group held their ground against heavy shell fire and repeated assaults.

Victory was not to come to the Patricia's or the 2nd Brigade during the breaching of the Hitler Line. It was however a Canadian victory as the 3rd Brigade had been successful in breaking through the centre of the line. The day's ordeal had cost the 2nd Brigade dearly; indeed its casualties of 543 (162 killed, 306 wounded and 75 taken prisoner) were unequalled in a single days fighting by any Canadian brigade during the entire Italian Campaign. The cost to the Patricia's was 3 officers and 55 other ranks killed, 5 officers and 157 other ranks wounded, 2 officers and 25 other ranks missing. Immediately after the battle this left the battalion with a fighting strength of only 77 all ranks.

Despite the many acts of valour, the fine soldierly bearing, endurance, discipline and devotion to duty in face of terrible odds, victory was denied to the Patricia's. By May 29th the Battalion was back into action on the push to Rome.

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Second Battalion

After a six month repose on the "Island of Love" the Battalion returned to windy Winnipeg and a programme of intensive refresher training. The cobwebs of Cyprus were soon swept away, as preparation was made for a hectic summer.

The month of May was particularly eventful for the unit, as it was on the 17th of May that Kapyong (formerly Fort Osborne) Barracks was officially opened. A Kapyong Day Parade was held, at which Colonel J. R. Stone, DSO, MC, Commanding Officer of the Battalion at the Battle of Kapyong, was Reviewing Officer. Also in attendance was the American Consul in Winnipeg, Mr. W. Kelly and his wife. The day was rounded out with a formal dinner in the evening. Still another noteworthy event in May was the attendance by the Battalion officers and their wives at a dinner and dance at the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. The Honourable W. J. McKeag and Mrs. McKeag had visited the Battalion in Cyprus, and the function at Government House was the official welcome back to Winnipeg for the officers of 2 PPCLI.

In the first week of June the unit departed Winnipeg for Wainwright, and Ex WAINCON 73. The trip was made less Pioneer Platoon, which had been previously tasked to assist in the clearing of old ranges at Vernon, B.C. WAINCON 73 began with a week of Combat Group sports and skill-at-arms competitions, and 2 PPCLI provided some tough competition for the other



Col J. Stone on the dais at the Kapyong Day Parade - 17 May 73.



Col Stone, LCol Allan on dais, with Master Corporal Hillyard, a Kapyong veteran, reading the Unit Presidential Citation - Kapyong Day Parade - 17 May 73.



Col Stone inspecting the Battalion with LCol Allan - Kapyong Day Parade - 17 May 73.



March past, led by Maj R. Dallison, DCO - Kapyong Day Parade - 17 May 73.

battalions. The Battalion placed first in the cross-country race, first in softball, and first in volleyball, and turned in a creditable showing in flag football. But it was in the skill-at-arms competitions that the unit's expertise really asserted itself. Top marks were obtained by Warrant Officer Chisholm G. P. in the individual pistol category, by Sergeant Rankin L. in the rifle and sniper categories, and by Private Gilfoy W. E. in the Tyro. The week of competitions was followed by two weeks of company training, which culminated in a week-long Battalion exercise -- Pork Sword. This exercise tested the unit in all the phases of war and the results were most satisfactory.

The conclusion of WAINCON 73 was by no means the end of unit activity for the summer. While some were fortunate enough to take annual leave, others remained behind in Wainwright, or moved further afield to new taskings. A and C Companies were tasked with supporting MILCON 73, the highlight of which was a Militia Senior Tactics Course conducted by Major G. M. Reay, OC A Company. In Banff, the National Army Cadet Camp was in full swing with more than a little help from Sergeants Freeman and Newman-Jones and Master Corporal Slater. In Richmond, B.C., a contingent from the unit rendered valuable assistance in support of the Canada Summer Game

While the bulk of the unit was wrapped up in WAINCON, MILCON, and such tasks as the Student Summer Employment Programme, Pay Level Three training got underway in Winnipeg. Under the auspices of some of the more experienced NCOs of the Battalion, Warrant Officers Ransome and Guillet to



Maj D. Montgomery, OC C Coy, accepting Cross-Country Team Trophy - WAINCON 73.



Sgt W. J. Gray accepting Softball Team Trophy - WAINCON 73.



Maj G. M. Reay accepting Volleyball Team Trophy - WAINCON 73.



Volleyball team in action - WAINCON 73.



Pte W. E. Gilfoy accepting Tyro Trophy - WAINCON 73.



WO G. P. Chisholm accepting Individual Pistol Trophy - WAINCON 73.

Sgt L. Rankin accepting Individual Rifle and Sniper Trophies - WAINCON 73.



MCpl M. J. D. Harron swims his dozer - APC - WAINCON 73.

name but two, new infantry recruits went through an intensive training programme. Pay Level Three is a continuing unit task, and the worthwhile results obtained to date have more than justified the implementation of this pseudo depot system. The current Pay Level Three Course is in full swing at Shilo at time of writing, and the trainees of this course will be particularly fortunate in that they will be taking a short break from their training to participate in Ex Rapier Thrust III.

A reference to Shilo would be incomplete without reference to Regular Officer University Training Plan. The latter has been a unit task for the past two years, and this year's programme was particularly successful, terminating in a New Viking exercise. Major L. M. Diebel was OIC of the course, and he was ably assisted by personnel not only from this unit, but also from the other two battalions, 3 RCHA, and the Canadian Airborne Regiment. Major Diebel has since departed Winnipeg for a posting to HQ CENTAG Seckenheim, Germany, but prior to leaving he was the recipient of an FMC Merit Award for his contribution to the ROUTP Programme. Still another noteworthy event in August was the presentation of the Regimental Association contribution to the 2 PPCLI Cadet Corps. A cheque was presented by Mr. E. Dodd, Vice-President of the PPCLI Association, to Captain A. Yorke, CO of the Cadet Corps. Representatives of the Sir Sam Steele Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion were also on hand, as co-sponors of the Cadet Corps, and an honorary Legion membership was presented to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Allan.



2 PPCLI Cadet Corps receives cheque from PPCLI Association (representatives of 2 PPCLI and the Royal Canadian Legion as co-sponsors of the Cadet Corps are In attendance) and LCoI Allan receives honorary Legion membership - Aug 73. Left to right: Capt A. Yorke, CO 2 PPCLI Cadet Corps, Mr. T. Hamm, President of the Sir Sam Steele Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, LCoI J. H. Allan, CO 2 PPCLI, and Mr. E. Dodd, Vice-President of the PPCLI Association.



Pay Level 3 storeman, Pte W. D. Whitman - Shilo - Nov 73.

The months of September and October were taken up with Battle Physical Efficiency Testing, and annual range classifications at Shilo. The Shilo Concentration included three other noteworthy events: a Field-firing exercise conducted by A Company, a patrol school conducted by C Company -- from which all who took part derived considerable benefit -- and an escape and evasion course under the auspices of A Company. The latter was a particularly worthwhile endeavour, and included a contingent from the Royal Winnipeg Rifles as enemy, an RCMP tracker-dog, and two interrogators from 1 Combat Group.



Sgt W. Pokol invested as a Member of the Order of Military Merit by His Excellency the Right Honourable Roland Michener, Governor-General of Canada - 19 Sep 1973.

The month of September was also important in terms of an individual happening in the unit. The event referred to was the investiture of Sergeant Pokol W. as a Member of the Order of Military Merit, on the 19th of September. Sergeant Pokol was cited for his consistently outstanding military performance. He joined the Battalion in February 1957, and served with the Battalion Airborne Company prior to the unit's departure for Germany in 1966. Sergeant Pokol was a top graduate on the U.S. Ranger Course in 1965. His Ranger training was put to good use in working with a patrol detachment in Recce Platoon, and he has since been employed as Battalion Transport Sergeant and as a Pay Level Three instructor.



WO E. McKinley reads "In Flanders Fields" - Remembrance Day Parade - 11 Nov 73.



Firing Party - Remembrance Day Parade - 11 Nov 73.



Pay Level 3 Course - Shilo Ranges - Nov 73.

November proved to be a busy month for the entire unit. On the 8th, sixty officers and men from the Battalion, including the Corps of Drums, visited Deer Lodge Veterans' Hospital. They carried out a ward-by-ward tour, bringing greeting, poppies and memories of the "old army" to the resident veterans. The visit was a great success and, for the veterans, ample evidence that the soldiers of today had not forgotten their predecessors' contribution to Canada and the profession of arms.

On November 11th, a Remembrance Day Parade was held at Kapyong Barracks. The week of 12 to 16 November found the unit out on the St Charles Range, participating in a falling plates competition. The winning team, from B Company, received a trophy which was presented to the unit as a departure gift by Major G. S. Wharton, former DCO. Still another event of note was the presentation of a silver tray, on behalf of the Regiment, to Brigadier-General C. J. A. Hamilton, on his retirement. General Hamilton is a former Commanding Officer of 2 PPCLI, and on retirement became a senior executive with the Great West Life Assurance Company of Winnipeg. While on the subject of presentations, one would indeed be remiss not to note that on 16 November the following people received the CD: Major G. M. Reav, Master Corporal MacLeod K. M., Master Corporal Poirier R. L., Corporal Wolfe S., and Sergeant Bemrose A. From mid-November to early December, the Battalion disappeared to Beausejour for winter indoctrination training. This was preceded by sub-unit training in Winnipeg -- needless to say, Winnipeg weather co-operated.



Corps of Drums - Deer Lodge Veterans Hospital - 8 Nov 73.



Veterans receiving poppies from Battalion representatives - Deer Lodge Veterans Hospital - 8 Nov 73.







Sgt Melanson accepts Battalion Rifle Competition Trophy from LCol Allan - Nov 73.



LCol Allan presents Regimental retirement gift to BGen C. J. A. Hamilton. Left to right: Rear Admiral R. St. G. Stephens, Commander, Training Command, LCol Allan, BGen Hamilton, Col C. A. LaFrance, Base Commander, CFB Winnipeg.



Cpl S. Wolfe receives his CD from LCol Allan - 16 Nov 73.



C Coy at winter training - Kapyong Barracks - Dec 73.



Recce PI at helicopter training - Beausejour - Dec 73.



Pte Harrison, HQ Coy, preparing to leave for helicopter training - Beausejour - Dec 73.



C Coy personnel on winter training - Beausejour - Dec 73. Left to right: Col Barr, Pte Porter, Pte Dehmel, Pte Skinner, Pte McInnis, Lt Tureman.



C Coy personnel preparing winter equipment - Beausejour - Pte Altman, facing camera - Dec 73.



BGen G. G. Brown, Commander, 1 Combat Group addresses the Battalion - Combat Group Commander's Inspection - 12 Dec 73.

The major event of a military nature in December was the Combat Group Commander's Inspection on 12 December. Inclement weather resulted in the formal parade being held in Korea Hall, but even with these limitations, Brigadier-General G. G. Brown was very favourably impressed.

Following the parade, General Brown watched training demonstrations, with A Company conducting rappelling, B Company on the obstacle course in full kit, and C Company conducting survival swimming in the Lipsett Hall pool. A cocktail party, at which General Brown was hosted by the Battalion officers and their wives, was held that evening. Following the Inspection, leave began for all those with a few days left on their annual slate, while the remainder looked forward to Christmas or New Year's breaks. It was hard to believe that last year at the same time we were making plans to celebrate the festive season in sunny Nicosia. But perhaps it was not so hard to picture for some. Those posted from the unit to UNEF Middle East, perhaps better known as Cairo Racetrack, had Christmas in the Sun, some of these for the second year in a row. Among those posted was Lieutenant Tony Stasiewicz, and at this time, the other unit officers rushed out for crash courses in Polish, in case more vacancies in the contingent turned up.

A synopsis of Battalion activities would be incomplete without reference to mess activities. After a hectic six months, the Officers' Mess went to ground for the month of April. However, after a bit of leave, a mixed dining-in night in May initiated another month of Mess activity. June and the first part of July found the doors barred again, as WAINCON and MILCON took on higher



BGen Brown speaks with MCpl "Taffy" Gray - 12 Dec 73.



Cpl D. H. Mercer, A Coy, "off rappell" - BGen Brown watching - 12 Dec 73.



Cpl H. G. Westcott rappelling, MCpl Miles with rope to rear - 12 Dec 73.



B Coy on the obstacle course - 12 Dec 73.



WO F. Breurkens accepts winning trophy on behalf of Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess from LCol Allan - Officers and Sergeants Annual Golf Tournament - Sep 73.



Sgt H. J. MacPhail receives trophy for lowest score - overall winner, from LCol Allan - Officers and Sergeants Annual Golf Tournament - Sep 73.

priorities than Casal Mendes and Blue. Just prior to this, good-byes were said to a number of officers as Major H. G. Leitch, Major G. Kindle, Captain D. Morreau and Lieutenant A. A. E. Wilson, moved on to greener pastures.

Annual leave also took its toll, but by the end of August the Mess was in action again, revealing some new faces and some old. Fall activities started with a barbeque in August, and a Mess dinner in early September. It was also at this time that our British Exchange Officer, Captain P. G. Truman, The Queen's Regiment, said good-bye to the Battalion and returned to duty in England -- and a tour in Northern Ireland. Still another event was the Annual Sergeants' and Officers' Golf Tournament. Somehow the officers couldn't cope with the nineteenth hole.

Informal parties, including a Disco night and Hallowe'en, highlighted September and October, and interspersed were the weekly happy hours which some may remember and other may not. The Mess moved out to Shilo for ten days in October, but somehow beer and bunk-beds don't mix - it was a long fall from the top bunk.

November culminated in a happy hour in honour of Brigadier-General C. J. A. Hamilton, the proceedings of which were referred to earlier. The other highlight of the month was a candlelight dinner, which included a John Wayne duster.

The highlight of December was a Christmas decorating party at the Mess, and the month was rounded out with a New Year's Eve Ball. The Ball helped bring to an enjoyable conclusion a very full year of activity.

Activities in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess were equally hectic....

January 1973 found the members of the Mess well established in a variety of locations on the "Island of Love". The main centre of "fellowship" being the Swan Inn, under the direction of the PMC, MWO Alex Wilson and managed by that stout and experienced innkeeper Sgt Art Sutton. Four company Messes were established: Logistics Company Senior NCOs (and others) enjoyed the friendly atmosphere at Blue Beret Camp under the direction of the PMC, WO Dave O'Brien. A and B Companies dug in firmly at Hospitality House and Beaver Lodge respectively. Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company members enjoyed good times at Wolseley Barracks under the guidance of RSM Jim Heyman, where the local Cypriot help and others still wonder how the interior decorators, WO Fred Breurkens and WO Dennis Weir, conceived their lighting and colour schemes!

All Messes were at home for the New Year's Levee which really taxed the fortitude of the members who were on the visiting parties (which seemed to be everybody).

Remember? that crew with the limousine and the haybox of moosemilk! the raid on the Blues and Royals!

Other memorable events include the Medals Parade Cocktail Party, the Officers'/Sergeants' Mess Games Night, and the Barbeque for the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

In March thoughts turned to rotation and the many associated farewell and welcome parties to be organized.

The mess reconvened in Winnipeg during the month of May and held a mixed Mess Dinner to honour the ladies of the Mess who, for six months, looked after the families and shovelled snow without complaints.

The official opening of Kapyong Barracks found many old Patricia friends amongst us, the guest of honour being our former Commanding Officer, Colonel Jim Stone.

Summer found most Mess members at the Wainwright Resort acquainting and reacquainting ourselves with the members of our sister battalions. During the concentration we had the opportunity to introduce a new Inter-Mess Trophy for mallet golf. This was done in recognition of Sgt "Maxie" Schulman's many years of service to the Mess. The contest was enjoyed by all. Records were established on all tees, partly due to the excellent support provided by WOs Doug Preece and Joe Waluska.

Autumn was the time some of our members went on swans or courses: i.e. Sgts Glen Wallace, Harry Stinson and George Arndt off to catch kangeroos in Australia; WO Lyle Ransome to Germany as umpire at the Hofbrauhaus; MWO Bill Colbourne to the Mojave Desert to observe how the lizards do it; and numerous others to CAS on courses.

Mess entertainment during this period consisted of a variety of dances, bingos, etc, ending the season with a giant bottle draw dance organized by the PMC and enjoyed by all.

Visitors to the Mess will see a big change in the lounge. The fireplace is gone, due to the excellent efforts of Sgts Bob Lowry, Ed Kingston and Bill Hodge. This provides us with the space needed, and new carpeting and furniture will give the lounge an entirely new look whilst still retaining the traditional Regimental decor.

1973 saw 35 members leave the Mess on posting or release, with as many being posted or promoted into the Mess. To those who left us we say, "Thank you for your friendship"; to those who joined the Mess in 1973 "Welcome -- you are part of the team".

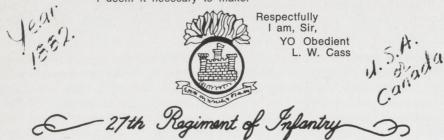
The Junior Ranks Club, better known as the Patricia Arms, also had a heavy schedule. Under the able direction of Master Corporal Payment D., the PMC, the members embarked on a social schedule which gave all the appearances of having been organized by Hugh Hefner. Top bands from all over Canada put in appearances at various times throughout the year, not to mention other exotica and/or erotica. The New Year was rung in with a three band extravaganza, attended by a crowd approaching the four figure mark.

PARALLELS FROM THE PAST - THE ORIGINAL PER

The attached article was forwarded by Mr. Henk Smit, a former Sergeant in the PPCLI Band, now living in Den Haag, the Netherlands. The article was written in 1882 and refers to officers of the 27th Regiment of Infantry, the Royal Enniskilling Fusiliers. Members and friends of the Regiment should find it both interesting and amusing.

Sir,

I forward a list of the officers of the 27th Regiment of Infantry arranged agreeably to rank, annexed thereto you will find all the observations I deem it necesary to make.



ALEX DENNISTON Lt. Col. Comm. A good natured man.

CLARKSON CROLIUS. First Major. A good man, but no officer.

JEPE D. WADSWORTH 2nd. An excellent officer.

CAPT CHRISTIAN HARTEL,

CAPT. AARON T. CRANE.

CAPT. BENJ. WOOD,

CAPT. MAXWELL - All good officers.

CAPT. SHOTWELL. A man of whom all unite in speaking ill. A knave despised by all.

CAPT. THOMAS EARLE. Indifferent but promises well.

CAPT. ALLEN REYNOLDS. An officer of capacity, but imprudent and a man of most violent passions.

CAPT. DAN WARREN,

CAPT. PORTER - Strangers but little known in the Regiment.

FIRST LT. JAS. KERR,

FIRST LT. THOMAS DARLING - Merely good-nothing, promising.

FIRST LT. WM. PERRIN.

FIRST LT. DANL. SCOTT,

FIRST LT. JAS. J. RYAN,

FIRST LT. R. McELWORTH - Low vulgar men, with the exception of Perrin, Irish and from the meanest walks of life, possessing nothing of the character of officers and gentlemen.

FIRST LT. R. ROSS. Willing enough with small capacity.

FIRST LT. HALL. Not joined Regiment.

SECOND LT. NICHOLAS G. CARINER. A good officer but drinks hard and disgraces himself and the services.

SECOND LT. STEWART ELDER. An ignorant unoffending officer.

SECOND LT. McCONKEY. Raised from the ranks, ignorant, vulgar and incompetent.

SECOND LT. PERCY.

SECOND LT. J. L. BROWN,

SECOND LT. T. SPICER,

SECOND LT. O. VANCE - Some with the ranks but all behave well and promise to make excellent officers.

SECOND LT. JAMES GARREY. A starnger in the Regiment.

THIRD LT. R. GEER,

THIRD LT. MEARS,

THIRD LT. CLIFFORD.

THIRD LT. CRAWFORD,

THIRD LT. McKEEN - All Irish, promoted from the ranks, low vulgar men, without any one qualification to recommend them, more fit to carry the hod than the epaulette.

THIRD LT. JOHN G'CHOLTZ,

THIRD LT. FRANCIS T. WHEELER -Promoted from the ranks, behave well, will make good officers.

ENSIGN BEHAM. The very dreg of the earth, unfit for anything under heaven. God only knows how the poor thing got an appointment.

ENSIGN JOHN BROWN,

ENSIGN BRYAN,

ENSIGN CHARLES WEST - Promoted from the ranks, men of no manners and no promise.

POSTINGS IN

FEB 73 - NOV 73

CAPT - F M Fisher

CAPT - P Goldie

CAPT - T P Needham (Log)

CAPT - B B Quinn (Med)

CAPT - R A Warren

CAPT - H S Bloom

LT - M M Fenrich

LT - H M Rushton

LT - G Saurette

LT - R L Schutte

LT - A Z Stasienicz

LT - G L Trueman

MWO - K L Woods MWO - A E O'Connor

WO - L L Clouther WO - R D Crosby WO - D Janzen WO - R C Moore

SGT - W G Hodge
SGT - E A Kingston
SGT - E G Anderson
SGT - R E Lowry
SGT - W C McNutt
SGT - R S Moore
SGT - G C Stetina
SGT - J J Warren
SGT - J J Warren

PROMOTIONS (to ranks shown)

Maj J. L. P. Barbeau Maj D. P. Montgomery

Capt J. A. Almstrom Capt D. R. Thomson
Capt D. H. Martin Capt L. T. D. Steel
Capt T. A. N. McManus

MWO Breurkens F. J. MWO Crosby R. D.

WO Clarke J. M. WO Raidt R. WO Warner F. A.

Sgt Collins P. F.
Sgt Harron M. J. D.
Sgt Kuffner G. A.
Sgt Melanson J. T.
Sgt Newman-Jones C. L.
Sgt Timko M.
Sgt Struthers C. T.
Sgt MacDonald J. W.
Sgt Paullus G. A.
Sgt Freeman P. K.

POSTINGS OUT

MajH. G. LeitchHQ 1 Cbt Gp CalgaryMajL. M. DiebelHQ CENT Army Gp Seckenheim GermanyMajG. S. WhartonNDHQMajJ. L. P. Barbeau3 Mech Cdo

Capt L. W. J. Bailey CAS Capt J. R. D. Bigras **HMCS** Provider Capt W. R. Aikman CFB Esquimalt W. H. MacMillan Capt CLFCGSC Toronto Capt W. J. H. Stutt 2 Queens Werl Germany Capt P. F. Lambros Release Capt G. F. Kindle CFB Winnipeg Capt E. C. Franklin CAS

Capt P. G. Truman Exchange Officer

LtA. A. E. WilsonCFRSU ReginaLtL. M. LashkevichCFB WinnipegLtD. A. ForgeCFB WinnipegLtA. Z. StasiewiczUNEF Middle East

CWO Thomas C. G. CFB Borden

MWO Hood J. E.

MWO Squire G. R.

MWO Snowdon K.

MWO WOOD D. F.

MWO Woodward G. A.

RMC Kingston

Release

CFRS Cornwallis

Release

4 Svc Bn Lahr

MWO Wilson C. A. Warminster, England

WO Carrier G. C. Release
WO Jodoin W. J. CFB Kingston
WO Lynch G. B. Release
WO Preece D. J. CFB Calgary
WO Sheppard R. W. Cansupport Secket

WO Sheppard R. W. Cansupport Seckenheim Germany
WO Stever J. A. 3 Mech Cdo

WO Stever J. A. 3 Mech Cdo WO Watters L. Release

Release Boyce D. M. Sgt Church L. A. CFB Bagotville Sgt Fisher E. J. 2 Cdo Sgt CFB Edmonton Fraser B. V. Sgt 2 Cdo Sgt Gray W. J. 1 PPCLI Gorman W. G. Sgt 2 Cdo Sgt Gould J. D. RSS Prairie, Edmonton Sgt Kellington S. E. Release Lukion J. W. Sgt 2 Svc Bn Petawawa Lafosse R. Sgt MacDougall H. A. Release Sgt Release Mitchell B. W. Sgt McIsaac A. R. Release Sgt 73 Comm Gp Regina Sgt Millar R. I. **CFRS** Cornwallis McEachern N. Sgt McAllister D. **CFRSU** Sgt Mansfield G. S. Release Sgt 72 Comm Gp Halifax Owen W. L. Sgt Spence J. R. Release Sgt

Struthers C. T.

Vasseur J. C.

Wall J. E.

Sgt

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Lt R. M. Parsons receives trophy for lowest net score - officers, from RSM J. A. Heyman - Officers and Sergeants Annual Golf Tournament - Sep 73.

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Greetings From The City Of Victoria-

It is always a privilege for me on behalf of the citizens of Victoria to extend greetings to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The contributions of the Regiment both to military and civil endeavours in Victoria has always been exemplary. For this reason, among others, we are proud to be the "home town" of this famous Regiment.

May I take this occasion to wish you contin-

uing success in the future.

Yours very truly,
G. Peter A. Pollen
Mayor

PPCLI Patrol Actions in Korea

by Lt M.D. Allan

When the Patricias arrived in Korea in 1950 they found themselves fighting a different kind of war than that which they had been accustomed to in the Second World War. This was a war of limited aims. In fact, it was not even classed as a war but rather that of a "Police Action".

In the war the Patricias found themselves fighting mostly defensive battles. Much time was spent in static positions and this afforded great opportunity for raids and patrolling. These patrolling activities at times were quite large and most aggressive.

The following account is of a patrol which was sent out by the First Battalion on the night of the 21 May 1952. The purpose of the patrol was to capture a prisoner. The objective was an enemy held hill known as "The Boot" located about 40 miles north of Seoul.

The commander of the patrol was Lieutenant D. A. Middleton, MC, MM. Along with him he had thirty-two men, which included two snipers, two wireless operators and two pioneers. The patrol was split up into three sections: a firm base section, a covering fire section and a fighting section. The fighting section was again split up into a headquarters, two sten groups and two bren groups. Supporting fire for the patrol was to come from a troop of Strathconas, a troop from 1RCHA, and from the Battalion Mortar and Machine Gun Platoons.

At 2300 hours the firm base section had established itself on the floor of the Nobu-ri Valley, while the main body passed through at midnight. The covering fire section reached the base of the hill without encountering the enemy and took up a position 50 yards from the enemy's trenches. As the patrol came within twenty yards of the trenches the enemy opened fire with all their weapons. At this point five members of the patrol were wounded, one of whom was Lieutenant Middleton. The officer was anxious to withdraw to avoid further casualties. The second-in-command, Corporal J. G. Dunbar quickly organized the recovery of the wounded. In due course, the patrol returned to their positions. The patrol was not a complete loss however, as seven of the enemy were estimated to have been killed or wounded.

As patrols, such as the one just mentioned, continued, the enemy became more aware of the Patricia's tactics. He learned to anticipate their actions and it became increasingly difficult to capture prisoners. Many times when a patrol was given artillery support to soften up a position they found that the trenches were empty when they arrived and that the enemy had withdrawn to alternate positions where they could fire on the patrol.

Large patrols were very useful in Korea in harassing the enemy and gaining valuable information, as the following will certainly testify.

"On August 22, 1951 the Patricias embarked on a series of deep patrols in the territory beyond the Imjin River, to a depth of several miles. At Nesan-Myon, four miles beyond the crossing, their vehicles turned back and the rifle companies continued on foot. A firm base was established at Sochang-ni, 2500 yards beyond Mesan-Myon and at 0200 hours the next morning "C" and "D" Companies abreast took off on a sweep of the rolling ridges towards the Samichon River. At noon, when the other companies had taken the lead, they drew fire from a village; when Canadian artillery replied an enemy force estimated at company strength broke from cover and fled into the west. Wheeling north "B" Company continued for a further 2000 yards to the point of deepest penetration of the patrol. En route it came upon an enemy camp that had been evacuated within a matter of minutes, half cooked meals being found on the fires. The Patricias now were about four miles to the northwest of Mesan-Myon and about twelve miles from the Imjin crossing.

"As evening fell and the companies began to withdraw the enemy could be seen re-occupying positions deserted earlier in the afternoon. The Battalion did not return by the outward route but headed due south to the Imjin, where mortars and machine guns had taken up positions on the opposite bank to cover an overnight bivouac. Next morning the Patricias remained in this location to observe the effects of an air strike on targets that they had indicated. That evening the companies independently crossed the river and embussed for return to camp". (1)

Patrols were conducted to gather intelligence, harass the enemy and dominate no-man's-land. As already mentioned there was considerable danger when the patrols got close to the enemy lines. There was also considerable danger when moving through no-man's-land. The North Koreans and more particularly the Chinese also sent out numerous patrols. Patrols had to move with great caution and stealth to avoid contact with the enemy patrols and avoid being ambushed. Even with such caution, contact between patrols did occur frequently causing casualties to both sides. This was the real test for all members of the patrol as everyone had to react immediately without orders from the patrol commander. The patrol action on such encounters was probably the most important aspect to be included in the detailed patrol orders and rehearsals.

Casualties were also incurred which could not be attributed to enemy actions.

"On January 15, 1952, a patrol from "A" Company, First Battalion, had completed its mission and was nearing home when it strayed onto a protective minefield. Sergeant R. G. Sorsdahl led a stretcher party onto the minefield; in removing the injured another mine was tripped, killing one man on a stretcher and seriously injuring others, including Sergeant Sorsdahl. Total casualties in this unfortunate incident were two killed and four wounded".(2)

Accidents such as this fortunately were not common and it never lessened the appetite that the Patricias had for patrolling.

As the war continued the art of patrolling became a specialized field and the Patricia's techniques became the model for patrol training in later years. There were standing patrols, fighting patrols, and reconnaissance patrols. All of these played a significant part in the success of further major battles.

Patricia fighting patrols had difficulty in achieving surprise. The Chinese defenses were well protected and their surveillance system must have been excellent, as the following testifies.

"On the night of 20 June 1952, a "B" Company patrol of the First Battalion was sent out to provide firm base positions. The patrol was led by Lieutenant A. P. Bull. The patrol crossed a small valley and began climbing onto higher ground. They started to shake out into assault formation, and as they were doing so a series of explosions started around them. Lieutenant Bull was wounded in this incident but he was able to withdraw his men. Of the 37 men which started the patrol, seven men were killed and fifteen wounded. Lieutenant Bull later said that he did not know what hit them, 'It is impossible to say what hit us. It may have been souped-up mortars or grenades, Bangalor torpedoes, Bouncing Betty mines, Fougasse weapons, but to this list it would be well to add etc. etc.'" (3)

It was lucky that the Patricias had a sense of humour such as this, for without it this already dirty and ugly war could have been a lot harder on them. As was mentioned before, even with seemingly disasterous incidents such as the ones previously mentioned, the Patricias continued to press on. As Chinese resistance to patrolling grew so did the improved techniques of patrolling of the Patricias. When other allied units would not send out patrols, the Canadians would, and do it successfully and with finesse.

Patrolling was a very important aspect of the fighting in Korea. It was a difficult and dangerous business and fully tasked the courage, training and stamina of all ranks. The Patricias, as in the previous two wars, responded to this challenge and patrolled with skill and valour.

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CIVIC ACTION

We all know that an infantryman's job is to close with and destroy the enemy; however, we at Work Point have found some pleasure in moonlighting at civic action projects and associated activities.

For a long time now, many of us have had the good fortune to help those children less fortunate than most, through working with the G. R. Pearkes Clinic for handicapped children. Our association with the G. R. Pearkes Clinic has gone deeper than soldiers being drafted for odd jobs. Most weekends, a group of soldiers volunteer their time to work with these kids. Every November during United Appeal time, many of our soldiers specifically request that their donation be directed to the Pearkes Clinic.

A recent incident at Work Point sums up most soldiers' feelings. A corporal was sitting in the Junior Ranks Club, muttering over a beer, that he had been assigned to guide some handicapped children around the area. Two hours later, after helping a retarded boy climb over an armoured personnel carrier, this same corporal sat in the JRC and could only say, "Christ, those poor kids!" One reason perhaps that the unit soldiers contributed \$6,421.00 to the United Appeal.





3rd BATTALION MASCOT ACE MANCHU KIJIK "THEN AND NOW" B Company presented the battalion with a little insignificant white ball of fur upon its return from Ex Ace Card VI in Feb 73. However, by year's end Ace was no longer little or insignificant.

National Defence Headquarters Ottawa, Mainland

Dear Minister of National Defence,

I think it is high time that you were made aware of what's goin on in 3 Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry. Obviously no one's told you, or you would sort this place out.

First off. let's forget about winter warfare. That's why people emigrate to Vancouver Island - to avoid the cold. But what do we do? Why last January they had us up & down the Island trying to find snow "to refresh us in winter warfare". Worse, they then shipped us off to CAMP WAINWRIGHT where we didn't have to look for cold and snow. In 1973-74 is it really necessary for us to pull tobaggans, live in tents or snow caves, attack this, defend that - when even the ESKIMOS live in houses and drive SKIDOOS?

Havin' sharpened our skills for winter operations, naturally enough we advanced that to do Internal Security training. That's a misnomer! It's like Saturday nite in Sydney. Noise, smoke, gas and unmentionable items being splattered all over the place. You should get rid of these rowdies from the Forces. On the other hand, maybe its better to keep them hidden here. The biggest chuckle here came when they blew up Battalion Headquarters. Not that it made any difference, this place seems to run by inertia.

After this you'd figure we'd coast for a while. That's a laugh. We had guys from Charlie Company up north rescuing fossils, APC training, field firing and what is loosely termed "refresher training". Off again to WAINWRIGHT for WAINCON. At least this year we had some useful low-level training: but you should keep an eye on these Company Commanders. You know the type - all phases of war in one morning - advance, dig in, patrol, defend and withdraw - all before lunch. Some of the guys back east of the Rockies - where the garbage cans freeze in October - figure we've got it soft here in paradise. Well, we whomped the whole crew during the Waincon sports, weapons and field competitions.

Obviously, even to you, after this strenuous effort we should have been packed off on leave. Nothing doin'. Your minions have to keep us moving. We had guys ricocheting all over the island and even on the mainland: Student Summer Employment Plan, Militia, Jeux Canada Games. You name it and there were 3 PPCLI reps there. In the midst of all this Lieutenant-Colonel Dick Cowling replaced Lieutenant-Colonel Phil Roy. Another damned parade.

JEUX CANADA GAMES reminds me of a headline by Time Magazine after an insignificant pub during EX NASTY DEAL. But did TIME feature us for doing the driving, guarding, bull - labour, communicating and co-ordinating for the GAMES? Not in your life. I guess the moral is that pub raiders should wear JEUX CANADA GAMES sweatshirts. Probably no one would notice them.



EX QUEEN'S RANSOM. "I don't think, Cpl Parker, that the CO had that in mind when he said to build snow defences."

Finally, most of us slipped away of leave and managed to flesh out our wasted frames with a few extra pounds. But then the new Commanding Officer starts an hour of Physical Education a day. Is that fair? It took me a month of downing the fruit of hops to acquire that comfortable feeling and now I'm a skinney wretch again. Having survived this, all of us were packed off in a series of courses until December. But the officers and senior NCO's felt left out, so they spent their time concocting weird schemes. So as soon as the courses ended, zot! off we went to San Diego by ship (why not fly; can't we afford it?); patrol exercises and now back to roaming VANCOUVER ISLAND in the rain looking for snow. Don't they ever learn?

And for '74 things look worse - amphibious exercises, more of WAINWRIGHT, a trooping and etc. Where will it all end?

I mentioned all of this to my section commander, MCpl Lovet, but he said I should go "to the top" since he couldn't change it. Unfortunately the RSM was out, so you seemed a fair second choice.

Should you require more guidance just give me a call. Don't worry I'll fit you in somewhere in my schedule.

Regards,

I.R. Anon Pte 3 PPCLI

WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' MESS

The heading of this article may appear, to the reader, to be a relatively common line of print. But to the regular, associate and honorary members of the mess, it is anything but ordinary. After ten months of work, worry, headaches, arguments, pleadings, and an incredible amount of support from all across the country - 3 PPCLI once again has a Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess.

At 1500 hours, Friday 14 December 1973, all regular members lined the sidewalk from the street to the mess entrance. The VIP party arrived on the dot, as planned.

Major-General Cameron B. Ware, DSO, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, and Lieutenant-Colonel R.L. Cowling, CD, Commanding Officer of the Battalion, held the ribbon taut. Captain (N) G. H. Hayes, DSC, CD, Base Commander, CFB Esquimalt cut the ribbon. The mess was officially open.

Many traditional items, beyond value and irreplaceable, were lost when the old mess burned in February 73. Trophies, silver, photographs, souvernirs and momentos were all reduced to ashes. The membership moved into a temporary mess and called for assistance in rebuilding. The response was beyond expectation. Furniture was loaned for the temporary mess. Trophies were donated. Photographs were reproduced and forwarded. The Base Commander threw his weight behind the task of obtaining a new building for the permanent mess. People in Ottawa expedited paperwork. Local merchants donated trophies. Above all, the members supported the entire effort by attending the temporary mess and backing their committees.

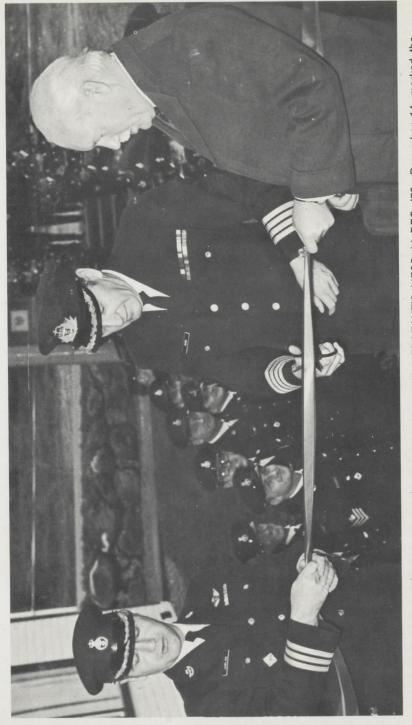
To all who helped, we say "THANK YOU". You are too numerous to mention individually, but you are remembered; and there is a line in the Guest Register reserved for you. We hope you will make early, and frequent use of it.

The cutting of the ribbon was the beginning of an opening celebration that lasted the weekend. For two hours after the doors opened, all members hosted the dignitaries in the new lounge. That evening saw a formal mess dinner, with the Colonel-of-the-Regiment as guest of honour. The gathering which followed the dinner must have been a memorable one. The only person who is able to state definitely what time it ended is the Mess Manager. He claims he got home in time for breakfast on Saturday morning.

The ladies were introduced to the new mess on Saturday afternoon at an informal cocktail party and on Saturday night, the first social function. Another late night for one and all, but a 4 a.m. closing time is generally considered to be an indication of a good bash.

As always, when we talk "the Mess", we are talking people. Our people have been doing things (also having things done to them). Most of you are familiar with military format, so I think I'll just list them alphabetically by rank, and tack on what happened to them:.........

Chief Warrant Officer, Regimental Sergeant Major Poncho Fotheringham.... clearing for release as this is being written. There is no word on his replacement.



OFFICIAL OPENING 3 PPCLI WARRANT OFFICER'S AND SERGEANT'S MESS 14 DEC. '73. December 14, marked the official opening of the new Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. Taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremonies are: LCol R. L. Cowling, CD, Commanding Officer 3 PPCLI, Capt G. H. Hayes, DSC, CD, Base Commander CFB Esquimalt and MGen Ware, DSO, CD, Colonel of the Regiment.



WHEEL CHAIR-A-THON F 301. Leading the Wheel-Chair-A-Thon held on 30 Sep is Cpl RA Macleod, piper of the Commanding Officer. Cpl Macleod and the Drum and Bugle Corps under the direction of Drum Major FJ Mercer added a welcome musical touch to the event which raised over \$7000.00 for the handicapped of Victoria.



FUN IN THE MUD. Suitably fortified, the Officers and Senior NCOs braved mud, rain and cold to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory against the Junior Ranks Club. The annual flag football derby saw the JRC under Cpl Keith Parker defeat Capt Pat Dillan's team to gain the coveted "Golden Running Shoe", presented by the Colonel of the Regiment.

MWO Earl Carpenter... Chief Clerk... Posted to CFB Comox... May 73

MWO Earl Casemore... CSM C Coy... Retired... May 73

MWO John Crawford... CSM D Coy... Volunteer in the Middle East for 6 months... Dec 73

MWO Harry Groom... CSM HQ Coy... PMC for 73

MWO John MacDonald... RCEME... Retired... May 73

WO Roy Aylesworth... PPCLI... posted to CAS... Sep 73

WO Jack Debruyne... PPCLI... promoted to MWO and posted to Europe... Sep 73

WO Wayne Hamblin... Cook... posted in from CFB Trenton... Sep 73

WO Milt Hosek... Chief Clerk... posted in from CFB Cold Lake... Sep 73

WO Ron Kirby... PPCLI... posted to CFRS Cornwallis... Aug 73

WO Bruce Lloyd... PPCLI... posted to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory... Dec 73 WO Jim Martens... PPCLI... posted to the Airborne, CFB Edmonton... Aug 73

WO Dick Menzies... Cook... promoted MWO and posted to Europe... May 73

WO Russ Moore... PPCLI... posted to 2 PPCLI, CFB Winnipeg... Aug 73

WO Sam Schnaar... RCEME... promoted MWO... Sep 73

WO Randy Turpin... PPCLI... volunteer in the Middle East for 6 months... Dec 73

WO Ed Walushka... PPCLI... posted in from 1 PPCLI, CFB Calgary, Sep 73 Sgt Chuck Addison... Clerk... posted to the Canadian Embassy, Bonn, Germany... Aug 73

Sgt Ed Anderson... PPCLI... posted to 2 PPCLI, CFB Winnipeg... Dec 73

Sgt Harry Austen... QM... posted in from CFS Gypsumville... Apr 73

SGT Bob Bluett... PPCLI... promoted WO... Dec 73

SGT Butch Dauphince... PPCLI... posted in from CFRS Cornwallis... Aug 73

SGT Pat Devlin... PPCLI... promoted WO... Nov 73

SGT Carl Hanson... MP Sgt... posted to CFC Dana... Aug 73

SGT Duke Hurford... PPCLI... promoted WO... Jul 73

SGT George Lauzon... PPCLI... retired... Sep 73

SGT Mitch Michaud... Medic... posted to CFS Mont Apica... Mar 73

SGT Arnie Middleton... PPCLI... posted to CFB Toronto... Jul 73

For obvious reasons, social functions were at a minimum during the past year. There are, however, two events which we feel cannot be passed without mention.

In June 1973, during WAICON, 3 PPCLI worked to its normal standards and swept the field at the Combat Group Competitions. Now this is cause for celebrations. In the mess, an informal before-supper gathering, turned into an all-night jam-session. Music was provided by Master Warrant Officer "Father Roy" Bruce and his "Eighty-Spoon Band". Guest soloists included Master Warrant Officer "Slimjim" Peety on the washboard and Tonsils Fenton as featured vocalist. The affair was MC'd by the Regimental Sergeant Major. At least we think that's what he was doing. The Combat Group Commander, Brigadier General GG Brown, dropped in for a few moments early in the evening, and ended up staying till dawn as Guest Conductor of the Spoon Band.

Something may have been lacking in the decor, but one gallon of enthusiasm and spirit per member sure made up for it... it was one hell of a good party.

Again we offer our congrats and condolences, to the hi-lo scorers of the annual KKRC shoot. This year the competition has been modified, with PPCLI shooting in one class, and Corps personnel in another.

We congratulate Warrant Officer Pat Devlin, Infantry high, and Sergeant Clyde Ells, Corps high. We sympathize with Sergeant Al Wardell and Warrant Officer Ed Pankew who won the low score infantry spoon and corps fork respectively.

One sad note before we close. Mr. C. W. "Charlie" Clare was an associate member of our mess for more than 20 years. When he passed away in July 1973, he left behind good memories and a lot of good friends. He is remembered - and missed.



Yup, must be back in Victoria.



CATCH WEIGHT TUG-OF-WAR CHAMPIONS. Preparing to enjoy the spoils are the members of the Third Battalion Catch Weight Tug-Of-War Team which won the event during the sports meet held during WAINCON 73.



WAINCON 73 FORCED MARCH WINNERS. Being cheered on by their battalion is the Forced March Platoon from D Company commanded by Lt Mike Loewen which out-distanced all other Combat Group competitors to win the event held during WAINCON 73.

EX NASTY DEAL

During the last week of March 1973 funny looking characters began to appear on the streets around Work Point, Naden, and the infamous Tudor House. Their presence signalled the start of what is fondly remember as "EX NASTY DEAL".

Patrolling started and reports of suspicious characters began almost immediately. Meanwhile, those not on patrols were able to find themselves a nice comfortable piece of the concrete floor in the Naden Drill Hall and were soon sound asleep. (You can always tell who the veterans are - they are the first to fall asleep under the worst conditions.)

On one occasion a patrol led by Sgt "Jigger" Johnston came across a crew of civilians busily digging holes along the water front. Somehow this didn't quite seem right. Identification and work permit were asked for but couldn't be produced. Consequently, in the true spirit of the exercise, Pte Bradley marched his five foot nothing body over to the foreman, Big Hans (alias Man Mountain) and arrested him. Big Hans was then marched under escort to Capt Dave Lewis, C Coy Comd to deal with as he saw fit. One thing led to another, and well, to make a long story short, we enjoyed reading about it in the paper the next day. Although it was only an exercise, Nasty Deal somehow managed to get a great deal of publicity - Capt Ron Bragden, of Tudor House fame, even made Time magazine - but enough said about that!

One thing about Ex Nasty Deal, when you weren't working or sleeping you could always climb onto the rocks overlooking the Hospital Operating Room and watch as some Anchor Clanker was cut open. While this pastime was not really conductive to good eating, it was interesting.

It's always the good times and the funny incidents that are remembered after an exercise and we all remember NASTY DEAL.

MILITIA ASSISTANCE 1973

Every year a great deal of effort and time is directed by the battalion towards training and assisting Reserve units in the Pacific Area, and 1973 was no exception.

Exercise QUEENS RANSOM held in Wainwright in January began this year's assistance program, where 7 militia personnel were attached to the Battalion for winter warfare training. These personnel were integrated within the rifle sections to learn and practice the finer arts of winter warfare, with subjects ranging from tent routine, march discipline to "snow shakes" and the "yellow snow plague".

Later, throughout March - April, the unit dispatched briefing teams to the Canadian Scottish Regiment, the Royal Westminister Regiment and the 15th (BC) Field Battery. The teams conducted courses on Armoured Defence and First Aid; with B Company providing an Internal Security demonstration for the Captain qualifying Course.



UNIT REFRESHER TRG. The week of 10-17 Sep saw the battalion involved in its annual first aid refresher training held at Albert Head. Using simulated, but realistic situations like the car accident above, personnel involved requalified themselves in basic first aid techniques.

Following the Annual Leave period, unit assistance continued, when, on the 8th of September, a team under the command of Sergeant B Johnston went to the Port Alberni Fall Fair. There, a static display which included winter warfare equipment and a Scottish Regiment. The teams fine work in planning and preparation won the praise of many, including the Mayor of Port Alberni.

The last major militia assistance during 1973, and undertaken by Captain Mike Gentles, was a series of one day briefings to the four major Reserve units in the area. The briefing team provided professional assistance on new equipment in use within a Regular Force Battalion today which may be unfamiliar to Reserve units.

The briefing included a cloth model exercise; a brief resume of ICCS operations was given by Captain Pat Dillon, who recently returned from Viet Nam. Included also was a display and lecture of IS and IR equipment and the new family of radios which was given by Master Corporal Luscombe and Master Corporal Horner. Sergeant Stewart and Corporal Cloutier assisted in the briefings, the last given on the 9th of December ending the Battalion support to the Reserves Forces for this fiscal year. But who knows what 1974 will bring.

JUNIOR RANKS CLUB

Hello again from all members of the 3 PPCLI Junior Ranks Club. As far as the committee goes, just a minor change. Cpl Robinson was posted back to a ship leaving Cpl Jerry Bestwich handling the secretary duties.

Since last issue, the club has had a successful and busy year.

During the summer it was SSEP and Milcon plus our old favourite - Waincon. The Club provided a mess for each concentration; SSEP was in Albert Head, and Milcon and Waincon were established in Wainwright. The summer also saw the lounge closed for resurfacing of our hardwood floors.

The fall has been busy to date with week-end dances since September plus game nights. Autumn also saw the JRC Sports Teams back to life. To bring you up to date, last year our hockey team was defeated losing its last playoff game. But they went down "fighting". This year the team is back at it and after a season opening loss, have stayed on a winning streak. This year there is no room for losses, because the winner takes all.

Fall has found the mess supporting two new teams, broomball and darts. Broomball is suffering growing pains but the team is maintaining a respectable third place in a six team league and with high spirits is very optimistic about the play-offs.

As for the dart league, competition is keen with all of the legions involved. The "FLIGHTS" as the team is called, are improving.

However, the biggest sports event of the fall came on 23 Nov 73, when the "Golden Running Shoe" Competition was held. It brought together the local THISTLE JUMPERS (Officers and Snr NCOs versus the MEAT STOMPERS (Junior Ranks Club) in a flag football game.

The weather and field conditions were less than ideal. It is said that the Commanding Officer and Padre had a conference the morning of the game to discuss the playing conditions; obviously the Padre backed the Junior Ranks Club, but the official kick-off by the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen CB Ware, DSO, CD, went off on schedule.

Once underway it was a very evenly matched event with no score until the final quarter. This saw the Junior Ranks Club score a touch down on a running play by the hero of the game, Corporal Dave Dougan. A bad snap by Corporal Jerry Bestwick caused Master Corporal Gerry Joyal to run and slide for the point. The game ended with the Junior Ranks Club on top 7-0.

Next year promises to be as active as '73 and hopefully as enjoyable. Best wishes from the Junior Ranks Club!

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Passed Combat Swimming Test	Master Corporal Kretchmar	Lone saboteur blew up Battalion Headquarters
Presented thoroughbred Husky, "ACE MANCHU" by 4/9th Infantry in Alaska	Major J English and B Company	Failed treading water while carrying an outboard engine during EX RALEIGH PASSAGE
Solid Internal Security Training during EX NASTY DEAL	A Company and Quarter Master	Discovering ACE is a lovable mutt of undetermined breed
Discovering SSEP Platoon consisted of 26 females	Corporal Crispe	Cleaning flak jackets permeated with sheep and pig dung
Capturing a US rifle coy during EX QUEEN'S RANSOM	Company Sergeant Major Harry Groom & B Coy	Being ordered to Vancouver to train SSEP
Thunderflashing an APC at Wainwright	Sergeant "Jigger" Johnston	Coy was on our side
Discovering a flock of wild sheep	Sergeant Bill Lockhart (ex RHC)	Leading patrols on Portland Island

3 PPCLI MARKSMANSHIP

This year's competitive effort in the marksmanship department produced some significant firsts, as well as proving that with good selection and training, young shooters can be brought to a competitive level in the first year. However, when faced with the task of meeting a second team on a strange range, the difficulty often is too high.

After spring training the team faced its first challenge in Wainwright, by defeating the rest of the 1 Cbt Group in the team pistol and rifle events. Despite a strong effort by 1 PPCLI, who were well ahead at one time, the team rallied to win the rifle championship.

In the team events, a team of Master Warrant Officer Debruyne, Warrant Officer Zwolak and Corporal Simpson won the Vancouver C Company bird match.

A team won the falling plate competition, while Private Menzel distinguished himself by winning the tyro championship.

After this competition the team returned to Victoria and participated in the BCRA, winning the Services Team Match. Sergeant King was particularly effective as he won five first places.

Following this, and a two week leave period, training resumed with the final phase being done in Calgary and then it was to Connaught Ranges in Ottawa by Hercules.

The national competition was significant in that it was the best performance by a rifle team from this unit. The Vanier trophy was lost by only 12½ points, as well as finishing third in the Bisley Aggregate.

An LAR team of Corporal Luscumbe, Corporal Carlson, 3 PPCLI, and Corporal Murray from 1 PPCLI completely dominated the LAR matches by winning three out of four matches and coming second in the fourth, (despite stoppages). Truly a job well done.

A significant factor was the performance of our first year shooters who performed better than the tyros from any other Command Team. This suggests we are on the right track.

The final competition was fired at Heals range during the Pacific Coast Rifle Association Matches shot in September. Aside from winning the team events, Master Corporal Cruickshank dominated the individual category by winning several matches including the Service Rifle Aggregate. Other match winners were Corporal Carlson, Private McInerney and Sergeant King.

Most regrettable was the departure of Master Warrant Officer Debruyne to Germany and not being able to participate in Ottawa.

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PROVINCIAL MARY OTTER CHAMPIONS. For the second year in a row, the Mary Otter Team from the 3rd Battalion won over four other military teams to win this Provincial First Aid Championship presenting the team members from left to right with the BC Provincial Military Victoria Board of the St. John's Ambulance Association. Team members were MCpl Dough Nixon, Pte Phil Hodges, Sgt Doug McLean (team captain), MCpls Karl Grohs, "Swim" Stone and Doug Parker.



EX NASTY DEAL. "and then this vicious brute, Pte Bradley, began to savage us . . ."

WINNERS' CIRCLE 1 COMBAT GROUP COMPETITIONS

SOCCER	B Company, Master Corporal Karran	First
Flag Football	C Company, Corporal Luj	Third
Fastball	Headquarters Company, Warrant	
	Officer Titus	Second
Cross-Country	Support Company, with the Adjt	
	Captain McMurtrie the fastest man in	
	Combat group	Second
Heavy Tug-of-W	ar Sergeant Wilkins	First
	ar Sergeant Middleton	Fourth

MILITARY

Forced March	D Company, Lieutenant Loewen	First
Mortar Match	MFC, Sergeant Picken	First
Patrolling	A Company, Lieutenant Ethell	Second
Armoured		
Defence Shoot	Scratch team headed by Warrant Officer	
	Venn	Third
Intelligence		
Exercise	Sergeant Varga	First
First Aid	D Company, Master Corporal Montreuil	First
Recovery	Maintenance Platoon, Master Corporal	
	Mezzatesta	First
DP Competition	Support Company, Captain Waldron	Second



ANNUAL OFFICERS - SERGEANTS HOCKEY GAME. Regimental Birthday Celebration again found the officers and Senior NCO's of the 3rd Bn against each other in their annual hockey (grudge) match. Seen congratulating each other after the hard fought contest in which the officers were narrowly defeated 7 to 3 are LCol PA (Flying Phil) Roy, officers team captain, Capt RW (Merciless) Millward, CWO CD (Poncho) Fotheringham and WO J (Jabber) Martens, senior NCO team captain.



VANCOUVER ISLAND WINTER TRAINING. "The OC wants to know if the mukluks are water-proof or water-resistant?"



CFB BUCCANEERS CAPTURE PACIFIC REGION HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP - TROPHY. Called Buccaneers but composed almost completely of 3rd Battalion personnel the CFB Buccaneers captured the Pacific Region Championship on the 1972-1973 team were:

Front row left to right: Cpl Vern Neilson, MCpl Ray Chevier, Sgt Len Desjardins, MCpl Joe Rozon and MCpl Rene Taillefer.

Centre row left to right: MCpl Ron Horner (trainer), WO Duke Hurford, Sgt Reg Gurr, Chris Harrison (base), Capt Ray Crabbe, Pte John Kirkpatrick, MCpl Garry Parker, WO Dave Stones (coach).

Rear row left to right: MCpl Todd Barnes, MCpl Peter Okopski, Robbie Robinson and Jack Porter (base) and Pte Jim Countryman.



EGYPT BOUND. Being piped aboard the 707 is the second draft of 3 PPCLI soldlers.



SEABORNE TRAINING FOR B COMPANY. Twenty-five members of 4 platoon, B Company left Victoria aboard HMCS Columbia on a two week familiarization cruise to San Diego in December. Most left with uneasy and anxious stomachs, an indication of things yet to come.



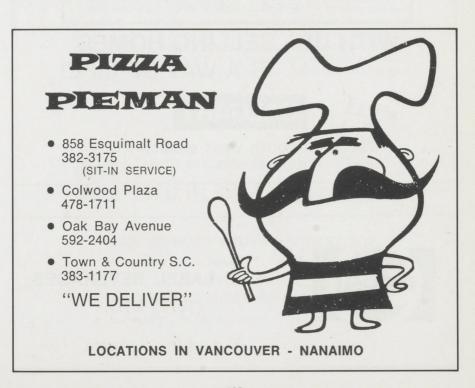
MEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER. Adding to the festivities of the annual Men's Christmas Dinner was the big band of WO "Gabby" Bruner.



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MARSAW RIFLEMAN TROPHY. This year's winner among the battalion's rifle sections for the Rifleman Trophy using the FNC1 was won by 1 section, 5 platoon, B Company. The members of the winning rifle section were, left to right: Pte Ron Legere, Pte Bill Garrett, MCpl Pete Heemskerk, Pte Woody Woodward and Pte Stu Irvine.



SSEP. Whatsa Hassle Sarge, We Hadda trim for Christmas.



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and the Municipal Council.

A. G. Young
Mayor

Patricia Representation in Vietnam

As a result of Canada's agreement to participate in the International Commission for Control and Supervision in Viet Nam (ICCS), some 240 military personnel were committed to serve in the Military Component Canadian Delegation, which included 14 Patricia Officers who served in locations from Quang Tri in the North to Vi Thanh in the South.

The strengths of the national delegations were stipulated in the protocols to the Paris Agreement concerning the ICCS, and the four parties, Canadians, Hungarians, Indonesians and Poles (CHIP) were limited to a total of 290 delegates, composed of both military and political. The ratio of personnel within the Canadian delegation jelled into an approximate 240/50 split with Department of External Affairs (DEA).

The Military Contingent Canadian Delegation, which numbered some 150 all ranks, a DEA party which included Ambassador Michel Gauvin, head of the Canadian delegation, and a press party, departed Montreal on 27 Jan 73 after a send off the like of which had not been seen since the departure of Canadian troops to participate in World War II. After a twenty-seven hour flight via Alaska and Japan, a groggy first draft arrived at Saigon's Tan San Nhut Airbase at 0320 hours 29 Jun 73 and within four hours the Canadian HQ opened for business in the infamous "1300 lines" at the airbase.

The second draft arrived in mid February, bringing the Contingent up to strength and by which time MCCD had established the basic mechanism for the operation of ICCS.

In accordance with the Paris Agreement and protocols, South Viet Nam was divided into seven ICCS Regions numbered consecutively from North to South, plus the Saigon Ghia Dinh Region which encompassed the area around the South Vietnamese capital. In addition to the seven Regional HQs, there were a total of twenty-six sub regional teams, plus twelve teams located at potential points of entry (POE) of restricted war material. POE teams at Gio Linh and Vung Tau were to be staffed by one additional officer. Due to extensive use of interpreters by the Poles, all team sites were over staffed by the Polish contingent, despite the fact that the composition and siting was decreed in the protocol concerning the ICCS.

During the initial stages of operations to end of March 73, the ICCS reported to the Four Party Joint Military Commission (FPJMC) composed of the United States, Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) and the Provisional Revoluntionary Government of the Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Cong). The Two Party Joint Military Commission (TPJMC) of RVN and Viet Cong succeeded the FPJMC and was generally ineffective due to procedural difficulties throughout our stay in South Viet Nam. The RVN and the Viet Cong continued to have few points of agreement at the conference table which resulted in the failure of the civil detainee releases and the complete failure of the Viet Cong delegation to deploy in accordance with the Paris Agreement.

The Viet Cong failed to use the ICCS as an agency to register complaints and of a total of 1081 incidents registered with the ICCS, 1039 complaints were RVN initiated, only 38 were registered by the Viet Cong, with four complaints being lodged by both parties.

The inherent failure of both the FPJMC and the TPJMC to deploy and function in accordance with the terms of the agreement, contributed greatly to the inability of the ICCS to function successfully. This was a supporting factor in the ultimate decision of the Canadian government to withdraw the MCCD from Viet Nam.

Under HQ MCCD, which was based throughout in Tan San Nhut Airbase, Saigon, were the Saigon-Ghia Dinh Region, seven Prisoner of War/Civilian Detainee (PW/CD) exchange teams, plus five special teams available for assignment to additional POE or other tasks as required. These personnel were utilized to "beef" up the HQ where required and in fact were employed at two additional POE sites at Camranh Bay and Saigon (New Port and Tan San Nhut Airbase).

Despite the obvious frustrations in dealing with the Polegarians and the lack of cooperation of the North Vietnamese/Viet Cong, it was the Canadians who developed, cajoled and deployed the ICCS, for the most part in accordance with the dates stipulated by the Paris Agreement, and who devised the investigative machinery of the ICCS.

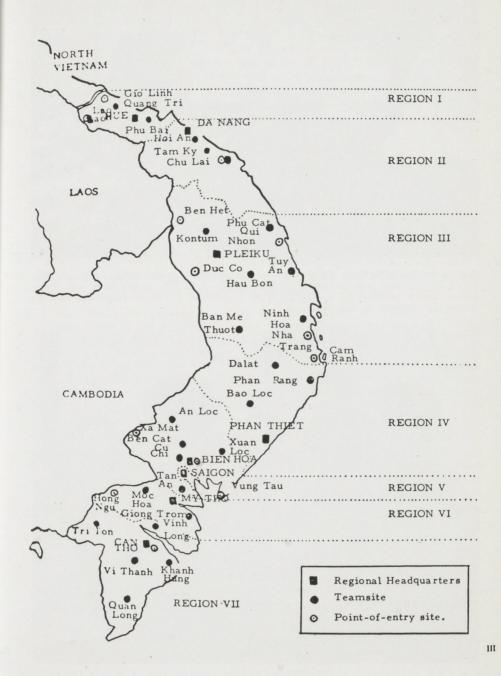
The Commander, MCCD, MGen Duncan A. McAlpine, was responsible for the military aspects of the mission, and the Ambassador and his staff, the political. In effect this was an entirely new venture in peacekeeping with the military being in support of the political element.

The Military Committee, composed of four CHIP senior military advisors were responsible to the Commissioners. The four CHIP heads of delegations (ambassadors) rotated Chairmanship of the ICCS on a monthly basis in the C-H-I-P order.

The housekeeping agency of the ICCS was eventually to be the Secretariat, under the Director General, however, up to the time of our departure the Secretariat, to which all four nations contributed, plus locally hired third party nationals, was barely effective. The housekeeping continued to devolve on the Canadian Support Services who had initiated all the contracts, provision of equipment, food, transportation, etc, for the ICCS, and were hard pressed to divorce themselves from this function. ICCS Air Service operation remained a sole Canadian responsibility from inception to departure.

Chairmanship within the various Regions and team sites rotated in the C-H-I-P order on a weekly basis and this rapid and continuous change complicated the Canadians and Indonesian efforts to create an effective and objective commission.

Some of the team sites which were located over the 650 mile length of South Viet Nam were never occupied, or occupied only for short periods. Gio Linh and Lao Bao in Viet Cong territory in Region I were never staffed due to imposition of unacceptable terms for occupancy insisted on by the Viet Cong. This latter site was near where our fatal helicopter shooting took place on 7





Colonel-in-Chiefs Birthday Celebration at Pleiku with Captain AGS Ferguson, CD, Major W. Dechant and Colonel EMK MacGrgeor, MC, CD, giving forth with Regimental songs assisted by a Captain from The Royal Canadian Regiment with an Indonesian Colonel at the keyboard.



Tea Party in Ben Het - Major General DA McAlpine, CD and Major DS Robertson, CD are entertained at tea by the local Viet Cong Commander, March, 1973.

Apr 73. Duc Co in Region III was occupied initially, but evacuated on the Commissioners order between 3 and 7 May 73 due to the high incidence of malaria (seven cases) and was not reoccupied up to the time of our departure. XA Mat, in Viet Cong occupied territory in Region V, was recced three times but not occupied. An Loc, a South Vietnamese enclave in otherwise VC dominated country, was not occupied until 5 Apr 73 due to movement problems and it was not until 17 Jun that ICCS helicopters could resupply and rotate the team. In Region VI - Hong Ngu was evacuated after a threat of occupation by North Vietnamese forces and rocket attacks on 5 Apr and reoccupied by Canadians on 16 Jun, followed reluctantly by the other delegations on 2 Jul 73.

Some twenty incidents of firing on ICCS helicopters occurred during our stay in the Republic of Viet Nam, unfortunately one such incident was fatal, where a total of nine persons were killed, including Capt C. E. LaViolette. Many other incidents occurred throughout the length and breadth of South Viet Nam including mine explosions, mortaring, shelling, rocket attacks and rifle shots. The Canadians and the ICCS as a whole, were fortunate that no casualties resulted from these occurrences and even the Saigon based "warriors" failed to be damaged from the hetrogeneous traffic in downtown Saigon. No one to our knowledge fell off a Honda, was bumped by a cycle rickshaw or suffered more than a few head bruises in a Renault taxi.

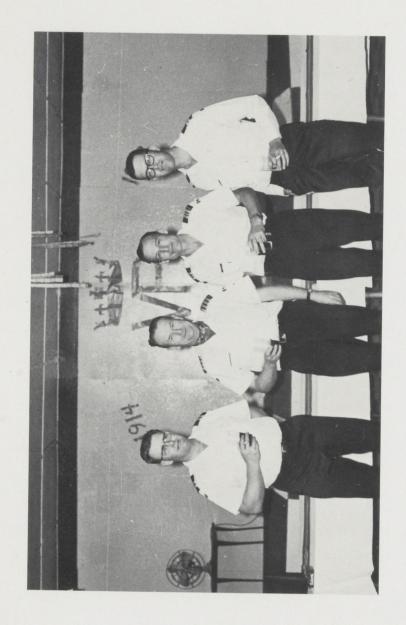
"Ho Chi Minhs Revenge", known by other names in different theatres, claimed 100% of the contingent at one time or another, but even the humid heat and the monsoons were taken in their stride by MCCD.

Patricias coincidentally, were concentrated in Region III (Pleiku) where Col E.M.K. MacGregor maintained a tight rein as Region Commander. Eight Patricia officers served in Region III and were deployed in the Central Highlands and by the white sand beaches of the South China seacoast. These officers were, Major Derek Bamford, Major John Bishop who on his return to Canada Apr 73 to become DCO 1 PPCLI, was replaced by Major Lou MacKenzie, Major Bill Dechant, Capts Tony Ferguson, Don Brodie and Capt Gary Manchester (a late arrival). Region III team members were rotated throughout their various team sites over the nearly six month period. Due to this fortunate concentration, the Region III Patricias were able to gather in Pleiku on 17 Mar 73 for the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday. The success of this celebration left an indelible impression on the other delegations who were hosted at this function.

Our Northern representative was Capt Dunc Wain who served in Region I (Hue) and was a team member at both Phu Bai and Quang Tri team sites. Capt Pat MacManus represented the Patricias in Region II, (DaNang), stationed at Tam Ky and Chu Lai teamsites on the north central west coast.

Major Bill Minnis served as SO Ops at Region V HQ, Bien Hoa, followed by a three month stint in Operations MCCD in Saigon and returned reluctantly to Region V for the last two months as SSO Support.

Major Don Robertson managed to eke out a full tour in the operations staff MCCD with the appointment of SO Ops. Capt Wayne Dehnke was employed



Region III Patricias - Captain AGS Ferguson, CD, Colonel EMK MacGregor, MC, CD, Major W Dechant and Capt DB Brodie at Pleiku, March 17, 1973.

as a PW/CD team leader based in Saigon, and completed the final half of the tour as an operations officer on the HQ team.

In Region IV, (Phan Thiet) Capt John Saunders ably upheld the Patricia expertise and as team leader was also known as the "Mayor" of Da Lat. This former French resort was a favourite R&R spot located at 6500 ft in the mountainous, pine forested central portion of the Region which is noted for its fruit, vegetables and flowers, and relaxed atmosphere.

Capt Pat Dillon was our sole representative in the Delta and was extremely active as the team leader in Vi Thanh, Chuong Thien Province, in Region VII (Can Tho). This province continuously recorded the major number of incidents during the period Feb - Jul 73.

We went to supervise the truce and were spectators in a war, as from 28 Jan 73 to the time of our departure on 29 Jul 73, there were in excess of 18,000 alleged violations and over 70,000 casualties sustained by both sides.

Whatever the future of South Viet Nam, the Patricia contingent who participated in this adventure can take pride in the dedication, sheer determination and work carried out by the members of the MCCD and be assured on the knowledge that the Canadian Contingent will long be remembered in the hamlets, villages and cities of the Republic of Viet Nam.

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The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI)



In early September of 1972, we received a visit from the 1st Battalion Queen's Lancashire Regiment. Colonel O'Meara and representatives from all ranks were treated to a Bar-B-Que at Camp Harris and sightseeing in the Edmonton area. The Queen's Lancashire Regiment reciprocated by allowing fourteen all ranks to attend Exercise Ramilles in the Suffield training area from 21-24 September. Upon returning to the unit our personnel were all proudly displaying the "Camouflage" uniforms which they somehow managed to obtain while away.

There was the usual annual District Range Qualifications in Wainwright in October during which unit personnel functioned as the majority of the range personnel on all ranges. On 18 November exercise Winter Warning was held to introduce and prepare for the annual winter warfare training. The winter training culminated in exercise Snow Trek VII in the Wabamum area from 12 to 14th January 1973. Many tall tales can be told of the exercise and some of the extra curricular activities. During the same time as the winter training was in progress, Sgt Chris Atkin qualified as a parachutist. Chris was one of five militia members from all across Canada allowed on this regular force course.

Exercise White Hair, a one day exercise not emphasizing winter warfare, took place on 24 February 1973 with good participation by all ranks despite miserable weather conditions. From January to May a pay level C course was run for the CWAC members of the unit and some recent arrivals from District's fall recruit course.

Also during this time, permission was obtained to run a jump course for members of the unit, strictly a militia course, which was run to regular force standards. Nineteen members of the unit completed the course with a pass and only one member failed to complete the course. He requested to be returned to unit due to university examinations. Personnel from the Airborne Training Centre commented at the conclusion of the course that they had never seen a serial go through the course with such enthusiasm, cohesiveness, cooperation and drive in performing all aspects of this training.

The spring of the year was, as usual, overloaded with exercises. On 10-11 March members of the unit travelled to Calgary to take part in exercise Burma Road, an exercise to prepare for the annual Mobile Command Concentration. Exercise Shoot Out and Red Fox both took place from 4-6 May, involving range qualifications and final exercise for the pay level C course. From 25-27 May exercise Spring Test was the annual district preparation for the Mobile Command Concentration.

Colonel Quarton visited the Queen's Lancashire Regiment in late spring and was graciously received at the Regimental Mess Dinner in London as well as at the King's Division depot at Strensall.

During the summer, unit personnel took part in the Mobile Command Concentration, many went on Area Rank and Trades School (ARTS) courses in Wainwright and Borden and several were used as instructors on the Student Summer Employment program in Edmonton. Seven other ranks from the unit took part in Fly-Over training to Germany from May to October resulting in many more looking forward to such opportunities in the new year.

The new training year started in September with the updating of training records and immediate preparations for a reunion of the PPCLI and 49th Battalion Loyal Edmonton Regiment Associations. The reunion filled an entire weekend from Friday afternoon on the 14th of September until late Sunday afternoon on the 16th. The dances, parties, balls, museum tours, informal gatherings, official meetings, Freedom of the City Parade, and Church Parade were attended by members and ex-members from all across Canada. Although it meant a great deal of work for all ranks, it was a pleasure to see the events so well attended.

Following closely on the heels of this great gathering was the annual district range classification again requiring most of our personnel to be used to run ranges for the benefit of the remainder of the district. Since these range qualifications do not meet the requirment for infantry units it means we must qualify properly again in the spring.

Starting in mid October unarmed combat, swimming, and pay level C courses have been in progress. Aided by special demonstrations from the Airborne Regiment unarmed combat team and WO Bert Reed the new Regular Support Staff posted to the unit, the unarmed combat and swimming courses are going great guns.

At present, planning and preparation is in full swing for three week-end winter training exercise in January, a concerted recruiting drive and updating of training standards to fit the militia's new roles. It looks like a full year ahead. Hopefully next year's report will be filled with many excellent reports and a continued better outlook for the future.

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Regimental Band - A Brief History

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY BAND WO WT SMITH AND CPL JA MACKIE

During the period of time between the 11th and the 18th of August, 1914, the period of recruitment for Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the following event is purported to have taken place in the Ottawa Railway Station.

Lieutenant Colonel FD FARQUHAR, Commanding Officer, designate, spent a great deal of time at the Railway Station meeting the trains arriving from literally every corner of the country and filled with volunteers for the Regiment. On one occasion a Pipe Major, J. COLVILLE by name, outfitted in full Highland regalia presented himself to the Colonel and expressed his desire to "pipe the Regiment to France and back again". Presumably the Colonel commented that it was a fine idea and that the Pipe Major was more than welcome to join the Regiment.

The Pipe Major reportedly then turned about and let go with a stentorian bellow, in his strong Scottish brogue, which produced from one of the coaches the entire Edmonton Pipe Band wearing full Highland kit and the Hunting Stewart tartan - given to them, with their pipes, by the St Andrew's Society of Edmonton. Thus was acquired the first band in the Regiment.

The first brass and reed band, a volunteer band was formed in November 1917 under the leadership of WO1 WILLIAMS. When he was killed in action, the Band was taken over by his brother, B/Sgt WILLIAMS.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band was formed in 1919 under Capt TW JAMES and was made up almost exclusively of musicians from the British and Colonial Regiments. Five years later they performed at the British Empire Exhibition, and in London theatres and Europe's largest radio station at that time, the Savoy Hill Radio Station. They also received personal congratulations from Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary.

During the 20's and 30's, the Band, stationed at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, was kept busy with tours of the West and performances at exhibitions etc. In 1939 Capt JAMES retired and the Band carried on under Sgt SIMPSON. Later in 1939 WO1 STREETER (later to become Chief Inspector of Bands) was appointed Bandmaster, promoted to Lieutenant and shortly after it was sent overseas. The Band then came under the direction of Sgt BUTLER and became known as the A16 Band, Fort Osborne Barracks, wearing PPCLI shoulder flashes. Later the Band was taken over by WO1 Bob SUMNER until disbandment.

The Canadian Permanent Force was established in 1949 and in 1950 Sgt J McCULLOCH was selected to re-establish the PPCLI Band and was promoted to WO1. In 1951 Lt A.L. BROWN, newly graduated from the Royal Military

School of Music, Kneller Hall, England, was appointed Director of Music. Only 20 strong, the Band was posted to Camp Wainwright, the staging area for Korea. Concerts, parades, shows and travel between Wainwright, Vancouver and Seattle kept the Band very busy. 1953 saw the Band off to Korea. A highlight was a week in Tokyo while a frantic search was carried out for their instruments, lost in shipping en route. While in Korea the Band was kept busy with a series of concerts, parades and entertaining Canadians and troops of other countries. They also took part in the Coronation Ceremonies with troops of the Commonwealth Brigade.

Back in Japan, the Band played at the UN Headquarters in Tokyo, the Ernie Pyle Theatre and massed concerts with the Tokyo Police Band, one of which drew a crowd of 25,000 people, a record attendance.

Returning to Canada in the Fall of 1953, the Band performed for the Ceremony of Trooping the Colour, with the Reviewing Officer being Lady PATRICIA RAMSAY, Colonel in Chief, with the First Battalion, Second Battalion and Regimental Depot on parade, and the Colonel-in-Chief presenting Colours to the Second Battalion. Capt BROWN was posted to Chilliwack and in October Capt FM McLeod was appointed Director of Music. The following year brought performances at the British Empire Games in Vancouver. The Band was to witness the breaking of many athletic records.

May of 1955, the Band RSM was posted and replaced by then WO2 EBERTS. A busy year, it included everything from massed tattoos in Vancouver to entertaining troops and dependants in Whitehorse to performances throughout Alberta.

New Year's Day of 1957 brought a change of command, as Capt McLeod left to form the LdSH(RC) Band and Lt H. JEFFREY arrived from the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. The Band sailed for Europe in September and a busy two-year tour of duty with the Canadian Brigade in Germany. The first big engagement was a guard of honour and state ball for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in Holland. The next was the tenth anniversary of the North America Treaty Organization with other bands in Mainz, Germany. The first visit by a Canadian band to the United Nations Emergency Force Middle East involving shows and concerts every day was gruelling but enjoyable. A rest back in Soest lasted all of one day when the Band found they were to take part in the Royal Tournament in London, another first for a Canadian band. Back in Germany the Band found two troopings waiting for them, one for the R22R entirely in French and one for a Belgique unit entirely in Flemish. All the above, of course, was fitted in around normal Band duties.

The Band returned to Canada in October 1959 to the new Home Station, Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton. In May 1964 they said goodbye to RSM EBERTS. Capt JEFFERY became COMMAND Inspector of Bands and the Baton was taken over by Lt G.C. NAYLOR. In August WO1 ADAMS was posted to the Band. They were kept busy at this time with refresher training, depot parades, concerts etc. October of 1965 saw WO1 ADAMS retire to civilian life and being replaced by WO1 HEATHCOTE until November of 1966 when he was retired to pension.

Centennial year 1967 was probably the busiest in the Band's history. It took part in the Grand National Tattoo in Victoria, Vancouver and at Expo in Montreal. Back in Edmonton they landed in the Alberta Tattoo which took the Band into every corner of Alberta, covering some 7,000 miles. CWO P. MURRAY arrived at this time and is still the Band CWO.

In September of 1968 the Band travelled to Los Angeles, performed at Disney Land and then went on to Twenty-nine Palms for a tattoo with the United States Marine Corps. The Commanding General, General FULLER, presented all the members with certificates making them Honorary Twenty-nine Palms Marines and Honorary Desert Rats.

A change in Armed Forces policy reduced the number of Canadian bands and the PPCLI were amalgamated with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) Band in Calgary, but fortunately retained the PPCLI name. Capt NAYLOR was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Music and the Band arrived in Calgary and met their new Commanding Officer, Capt P METCALFE and his assistant, Capt J DOWELL. They also inherited another Chief Warrant Officer from the "Straths", CWO T EVANS. Almost immediately the Band embarked on a busy schedule of school concerts, mess dinners and other official functions. Added to this were trips to Inuvik, Yellowknife and Whitehorse.

The Band returned to Europe in 1969 for a two-month tour playing for parades, concerts and mess dinners. On the return to Calgary, Capt METCALFE retired to civilian life and Capt DOWELL became the Commanding Officer. In 1970 it was Europe once again with a five-day tour of Cyprus included. CWO EVANS retired in 1971.

The 1972 tour of Europe saw another busy schedule, this time working out of the Baden-Soelingen area. There were the usual base parades and public concerts culminating with the Nijmegen Marches in Holland. Capt L CAMPLIN arrived in the Fall to take over from the retiring Capt DOWELL.

In August and September of 1973 the Band was once again in Germany working out of both Lahr and Baden. A large number of public concerts were slated on this tour. Two of the highlights were the United States Air Force NATO Air Show at Ramstein and the NATO Music Festival in Kaiserslauten where the Band was a particular success.

Back in Canada again and the usual Base activities - school and public concerts, the Band video taped a Remembrance Day service. They wound up the year by completing tapes for a long-playing record which will soon be available to interested persons.

I suppose the best way to close this history would be to not close it at all, but to ask the question "Where to from here?"

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At Vimy to honour the 56th anniversary of the famous Battle of WW1, Mr. M. J. H. Taylor, Canadian Minister Plenipotentiary to France, with parade commander Capt R. McDiarmid, inspect the honour guard and colours of 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando. Based in Germany as part of Canada's NATO assigned land unit the Mech Comd formed the official Canadian Forces regular unit at this year's annual commemorative ceremony at the National Canadian Monument.

3 Canadian Mechanized Commando

The Baden Soellingen, Germany, Patricias extend congratulations and best wishes to all Patricias, worldwide, in this our Diamond Jubilee year. 1973 has been a busy year for all ranks of 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando, including approximately 162 who are primarily Patricias. This is just a brief report on some of the highlights.

The greatest events of the past twelve months center around our Colours.

The start of the activity was the Presentation of Colours to The Canadian Airborne Regiment, on the 9th of June by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta Dr JW Grant MacEwan in Edmonton. Patricias who were present in 3 Mechanized Commando's Colour Party were Captain EL Markell, Master Warrant Officer VJ Ramsbottom and Sergeant WF Easton. Lieutenant Colonel AG Christie, CD, Commanding Officer, 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando, accepted the Colours and conveyed them to their present home in Baden Soellingen.

Shortly after their arrival, we Trooped the Regimental Colour in the first mechanized Infantry Trooping to ever have been performed. Proudly carrying the Colour was Captain JD Joly, formerly 2 PPCLI. Lieutenant General SC Waters, CD, Colonel of The Canadian Airborne Regiment took the salute during the mechanized roll pasts. Of great significance was the presence of representatives of the Regiment's historic predecessors, the First Canadian Parachute Battalion and the First Canadian Special Service Force Association.

Following quickly on the heels of the Trooping, on the 6th of July, command of the Commando changed from LCol Christie to LCol MD Barr, CD.

Another event, of marked importance to the Patricias on strength, was a ceremony, carried out at the Vimy Memorial, to mark the 56th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge on Sunday the 4th of November. Commanded by Captain R McDiarmid, the 50-man guard was found from the ranks of C Company, Major JLP Barbeau, CD, Officer Commanding. The week-end spent in Vimy, in company with Brigadier General JA de Lalanne, CBE, MC, ED, immediate Past President, PPCLI Association, included a visit to Patricia Crater by the Patricia personnel in the guard.

The ceremonies honouring all the Canadians who fought in the First World War were most impressive and moving. The whole trip was made most meaningful by a visit to Patricia Crater.

There were many other events in the past twelve months. We have been soldiering on as in the past, going through all our normal training phases and, as usual, the Commando has been a busy and successful unit.

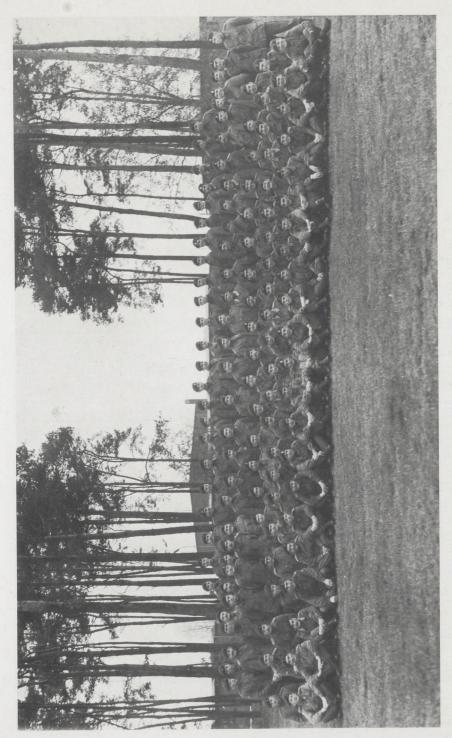
Looking forward, we all hope for another year even more exciting than the one just passed. The Patricias of 3 Commando especially anticipate the celebrations presently being planned for our own March 17th. Some of us hope to return to Canada to share the events of the Diamond Jubilee with our brother Patricias, but for those of us not so lucky as to make it, we wish the best of luck to all. Auf Wiedersehen.



His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta. Dr. J. W. Grant MacEwen, is seen presenting the Regimental Colour to 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando, June 3rd, 1973, Edmonton, Alberta.



BGen J. A. de Lalanne and Judge K. L. Crowell place wreaths at the base of the monument during the 56th Annual Commemorative Ceremony at the National Canadian Monument in Vimy.



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The Royal Green Jackets



All three of our Regular battalions saw service on duties in aid of the civil authorities in Northern Ireland during 1972. The 1st Battalion stationed at Celle in Germany was on duty in Belfast from July until November, the 2nd Battalion already stationed in Northern Ireland at Limavady was of course there throughout and the 3rd Battalion, which was reforming at Shoeburyness, was in Belfast from August (only about seven months after it rebirth from disbandment) until December. So during part of August, September, October and part of November, all three of them were there in the thick of it - snipers, bombers, brickbats, the lot and plenty of rain too, to be sure, but in this report it is only possible to give the barest outline of all that happened starting with the 2nd Battalion as they were already there.

After four successful battalion internal security operations into the Bogside and Creggan districts towards the end of 1971, the 2nd Battalion took over responsibilities in support of the Royal Ulster Constabulary covering most of County Londonderry and part of County Antrim. Using every sort of patrol on foot, in vehicles, in boats on Loch Neagh and of course in helicopters, the Battalion managed to keep fairly quiet a large and traditionally hard area, parts of which have a history of I.R.A. activity. In doing so, perhaps the greatest success was when a patrol dropped in the hills by helicopter surprised an I.R.A. man, in an ambush position, actually holding the plunger of a bomb. (He got 10 years). Apart from these activities, the Battalion was involved in two major civil rights inspired incidents, both early in the year. First, the Magilligan March in which the Battalion successfully repelled an "invasion" by well over a thousand civil rights marchers who advanced on and attempted to get into the Magilligan Internment Camp. Some of the crowd which approached along the beach managed to surge through a gap between the end of the perimeter wire and the sea at low tide, but these were routed by a volley of baton rounds and a baton charge. A week later "A" Company

operating under command of 22 Light Air Defence Regiment RA was involved in the now famous "Bloody Sunday" in Derry. The Company manned three barriers one of which blocked the direct route of the march. At this one particularly they were heavily stoned but by using baton rounds and water cannons were able to halt the crowd. Their action is recorded in the following extract from the report by Lord Widgery:

"The pressure of the crowd from behind was heavy and a densely packed mass formed at the barricade which was manned by men of the Royal Green Jackets. The Television film taken from behind the troops at the barrier show that the conduct of these soldiers was impeccable despite the ugly situation which developed."

On arriving in Belfast in July, the 1st Battalion was required to enter the "No Go" area in Andersonstown, a centre of Republicanism where all the main roads were barricaded and to which all entry was controlled by the I.R.A., where few, if any, paid rent, electricity or gas bills, or taxed or insured their cars, where there had been no proper road cleaning or refuse collection for two years, and the street lights had all been shot out and left: where the gunmen roamed at will, the police dared not enter and intimidation and fear were so rife that no local dared so much as look at a serviceman lying wounded in the street. The task of the battalion was to flush-out and eliminate the I.R.A. gunmen there and to restore a semblance of law and order. The Battalion spent the first month mostly patrolling, searching and observing. Needless to say, it was not long before the I.R.A. opened fire and it was whilst following up one such incident that OC "B" Company was severely injured entering a garage which blew up as he opened the door. However, as more and more information was gained, the Battalion's successes built up and as intimidation reduced, the local population gradually became a bit more friendly. In the meantime "C" Company had become expert house searchers, searching some houses several times to ensure that nobody got the idea that once searched they were not liable to be searched again. Unfortunately some occupants developed their own tactics to use against this. One well known local lady used to run up to her bedroom the moment our troops approached her house, take off all her clothes and lie naked on her bed inviting the riflemen to enter only to scream "Rape" when they did! Finally, only two days before the 1st Battalion was due to depart, "A" Company caught the local I.R.A. Battalion Commander, then, with only one day to go, the Battalion had an excellent find in the form of five weapons and some 2000 rounds of 21 types of different ammunition; finally to top it off, they picked up the gang who

When the reborn 3rd Battalion arrived in August to complete the trio it took over responsibility in the Upper Falls and the Clonard districts of Belfast - a sector next to that of the 1st Battalion. Within fifteen hours of their arrival they had no fewer than six shooting incidents in their area; within the first twenty-four hours the Battalion had made its first "find" of ammunition and one of its bases had been attacked with a blast bomb. In fact, shooting incidents averaged about six a day during their first three months and snipers caused the majority of the battalion's casualities. To combat the snipers, the battalion moved its patrols to selected target areas in vehicles which, when the

patrols dismounted, circled in the area, so the combination of unpredictability and the constant threat the circling vehicles imposed on withdrawal routes, discouraged the snipers activities. Early in September the I.R.A. attempted to blow up the Commanding Officer's Rover Group by using a claymore mine; rapid promotion was only avoided by the mine being placed the wrong way round, severely damaging the Republican Club building behind it. Later that month an almost completed tunnel was discovered which ran nearly to the foundations of a "B" Company platoon base. According to local information a 200 lb. bomb was to have detonated in it the very next night.

The 3rd Battalion had two sizable gun battles with the I.R.A. The first, just before midnight on the 28th of August, when "A" Company had turned out in force to gather information in Beechmont Road after one of their Section Commanders had been killed there. Suddenly at 2330 hours the whole area erupted with heavy firing in half a dozen different locations and a particularly fierce battle opposite an "R" Company OP which looked likely to be overrun. However, an expedition consisting of an empty Saracen APC escorted by a rifle section and a troop of armoured cars succeeded in withdrawing the OP without casualties, and after two hours the firing died out. The second was on the 29th of September when, at about 1300 hours, sporadic sniper fire started and the locals blocked Lower Falls Road with two hijacked buses which they set on fire. These were driven clear by "B" Company HQ drivers covered by 7 Platoon which had deployed to secure the area and which then began a follow up operation into the Lower Falls whilst 5 Platoon secured the Falls Road. In the meantime the locals succeeded in blocking the Osman/Raglan Street junction with a burning 60 ft. truck. Two more platoons had to be deployed and after some five hours, relative calm was restored and "B" Company withdrew.

During October the number of shooting incidents fell off considerably but the capture of I.R.A. officers increased dramatically. By then the Battalion, through painstaking intelligence work from the outset, knew their opponents organization and order of battle so well that they could even assess who the I.R.A. would promote to command and were able to pick up three successive Company Commanders in ten days. By December, the Battalion was able to hand over a largely pacified area to its successors.

In the meantime, the Rifle Depot had been very busy coping with a considerable increase in recruits and with giving the special training to fit them for service in Northern Ireland, and also with the unenviable task of providing funeral parties for members of the Regiment killed or dying as a result of service there.

The 4th (Volunteer) Battalion also increased in strength and held three camps, one in England for recruits, one in Germany and one, a Company Camp for "C" Company, at Hibernia Camp on the Gagetown training area in Canada. This was a great success, much enjoyed by the lucky members of "C" Company.

Finally, we have to record with great regret that seven members of the Regiment were fatal casualties and forty-five were wounded as a result of operations in Northern Ireland in 1972.

As these notes are written in 1973, the 1st and 3rd Battalions are back in Northern Ireland again on short tours, but are finding life a good deal quieter than it was in 1972. The 2nd Battalion are on a short tour in Belize (lately British Honduras). The local motto there is that "Timing is unending and effort unthinkable".

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CADET CORPS

The training year 1972/73 was again a most eventful year for this Corps. Emphasis was put on outdoor exercises with a great deal of time spent training in Cliff Scaling and rapelling. There are some good steep cliffs in the Albert Head Military Training area and almost every cadet attending week-end exercises took great interest in rapelling.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme was continued and sixteen Cadets qualified for Silver and Bronze awards. During October this year the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia presented the Certificates and nine Silver and 7 Bronze pins to our Cadets at Government House in Victoria.

The Staff for 1972/73 was as follows:

COMMANDING OFFICER Captain R. C. Watt (CIL/L)

INSTRUCTORS (CIL/L)

Lieutenant B. M. WATT Lieutenant R. J. Myers

Lieutenant M. McAra Lieutenant R. D. Fraser

CADET REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR

Warrant Officer Class 1 D. Hoon

In musketry the Corps Rifle team again proved themselves very well in competition with the following results:

First Place in DCRA Winter Series Tri-Service for third consecutive year.

First Place in Royal Military College Club of Canada for third consecutive year.

First Place in Strathcona Trust British Columbia Tri-Service competition for third consecutive year.

First in the British Columbia Festival of Sports as British Columbia Small Bore Champions for 1973.

The Brigadier Adams and Squadron Leader Carter trophies - tri-service small bore competition for Cadets on Vancouver Island - was retained for the eleventh consecutive year.

The Confederation Life Trophy, another tri-service shooting trophy, was won by Warrant Officer Class 1 D. Hoon with a perfect score of 1000 for 10 targets. Incidentally WO 1 D. Hoon placed on the Bisley Cadet team and did very well indeed in the Commonwealth shoots in the UK this summer.

The following Cadet qualified as Master Cadet:

S/Sgt. W. Shields

S/Sgt Shields attended the Parachute Training Course at Edmonton and after completion of all his jumps he qualified and is now the proud wearer of his "Wings". S/Sgt Shields, since September, has been the Corps RSM, replacing WO 1 D. Hoon.



The Corps First Aid Team placed second in British Columbia Tri-service competitions and went on to place first in their category in St John Ambulance team competitions held in Victoria this year. Cpl Parker, 3 Bn PPCLI, a member of the Battalion Mary Otter team gave much time and valuable assistance to the team.

The Corps placed second in the Annual Assessment of British Columbia Cadet Corps and during the Annual Inspection the following awards were presented.

Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun Trophy: for Most Proficient Cadet of the year was presented by the reviewing officer, LCol R. I. Crouse to:



2483 CADET CORPS

CADETS IN TRAINING. Sgt AJ King instructing SMG firing; Armoured Personnel Training; Rappelling.



C/WO 1 D. Hoon Most Proficient Bandsman Award was presented by LCol Crouse to: CSgt Brygadyr F.

PPCLI Association Victoria Branch trophy for most outstanding cadet was presented by LCol R. J. Kerfoot to:

CSgt Clark T.



"Vern Cole" Trophy for the most improved Cadet was presented by Captain V. D. Cole to:

Cadet Peterson O.

The Robert Walker Trophy for most proficient cadet in Musketry was presented on behalf of Bob Walker by Lt M. McAra to:

CWO 1 D. Hoon

The AC THODY Memorial First Aid trophy to the most proficient Cadet in First Aid was presented by LCol R. I. Crouse to:

CWO 1 D. Hoon

Eighteen First Aid Certificates (Emergency) were presented and Cadets Hoon, Shields, Golbourn and Woolford received Standard First Aid Certificates.

The Most Improved Cadet in Musketry was presented by Lt M. McAra to:

Cadet D. Venn

The WISWELL TROPHY for the Cadet showing the most improvement in heavy Bore shooting was presented by Capt Jean Wiswell to:

CWO 1 D. Hoon

Field training carried out during the year concentrated on Leadership, discipline, camouflage, field cooking, bivouac, section and platoon tactics. Qualified Instructors from 3 PPCLI were extremely co-operative and assisted the Corps with such interesting demonstrations as - use of Infra-red and Radar equipment, live firing practices with the FNC1 and FNC2 Rifles and SMG. Of great interest to Cadets was a day at Mary Hill with instruction in the maintenance and driving of Armoured Personnel Carriers. Tremendous enthusiasm in the practical use of the APCs, particularly around the extremely rough terrain of Mary Hill, was evidenced by the Cadets. Sgt L. Richardson, 3 PPCLI and his instructors, devoted much of their spare time to make all the exercises successful.

At a presentation parade held in December the PPCLI Regimental Association Trophy, won by this Corps for 1973, was presented to RSM Shields and WO 1 D. Hoon by LCol R. J. Kerfoot. The Royal Military College Club of Canada Shooting trophy was also presented on this occasion by Colonel R.J. Carson, and the Strathcona Trust Shield was presented to the Rifle team by Captain Bob Falconer, SO Cadets, HQ Maritime Forces Pacific.

Lieutenant R. D. Fraser, due to the pressure of his Civilian employment, found it necessary to resign as an Instructor with the Corps, however it is hoped he will soon be replaced by Mr. J. Hicke who has assisted our Cadets on a voluntary basis for the past six years.

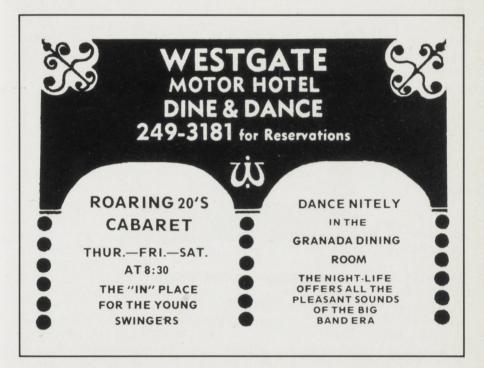
In conclusion the Officers and Cadets wish to express our most sincere appreciation to the Regiment and to 3 PPCLI Instructors who have made the year so interesting and successful.

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My Bisley Adventure

BY CADET WO1 DAVE HOON - 2483 [ESQUIMALT] PPCLI CADET CORPS

As a member of the 1973 Bisley Army Cadet Rifle Team, I left Victoria for Ottawa on June 28, 1973 on a Canadian Armed Forces Boeing 707. In Ottawa, I met the rest of the team which consisted of 16 fellow cadets from all across Canada. Each had earned a place on the team by competing throughout the previous year in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association matches. In Ottawa we were introduced to the Chief of the Defence Staff, General Dextrase, and here also we were issued shooting equipment and practised daily on the Connaught ranges. Before we left for Bisley on July 1, I had the honour of attending a Dominion of Canada Rifle Association dinner to accept a silver medal, an award which I had earned by placing first in the indoor shooting for Bisley Cadets during the winter months.

Arriving at Gatwick Airport, England, on the afternoon of July 2, we travelled by coach from the airport to our accommodation, the Honourable Artillery Company Hut in the Bisley camp. The following few days were concerned with practising for the School Boys .303 matches. During our stay we familiarized ourselves with the camp and met the different competitors who were shooting in the Bisley matches. One thing that fascinated me was watching the small, well disciplined Gurkas of the British Army operate the Bisley camp matches. They were well respected by all who encountered them.

Our team entered in the English School Boy matches and the Bisley All Comers prize meet. The standard of shooting was quite different from what we were used to: a Canadian possible (50/50) was not high enough but a 50/10V bulls might win you a trophy. The team entered in many interesting matches and came out with good results. I was fortunate enough to make the St. George's 100, and was the only participating cadet, English or Canadian, to do so. This was the most thrilling part of my shoot. I also earned seven silver medals for placing high in other matches. During the shoot I made the personal acquaintance of many people, such as Brigadier General Hut, Commander of the British Army of the Rhine.

After the Bisley Prize Meet the team went on tour across southern England, from London to Bristol. We visited many fascinating and interesting places, such as the Roman Baths, Stonehenge, Thomas Hardy's home in Dorset, Winchester Cathedral, and many more places. No tourist could have covered all these places in such a limited time. The tour was pre-arranged and covered quite a lot of historical sights that were indeed educational. Pages could be written on all we saw. In London we had dinner with the Honourable Artillery Company which is the oldest regiment in the world. They supplied the accommodation for the Bisley Cadet team. While in London we stayed in Chelsea Barracks with the Coldstream Guards, at that time on Buckingham Palace guard duties.

The last week of our trip proved quite an experience. First, our Boeing 707 from Canada never arrived at the airport to take us to Lahr, Germany, so we went by Hercules. What a ride that was! We thought that Lahr would be quite an adventure when we got there, but it was another story. We found out that the bicycles we had rented to go riding in the Black Forest had not arrived, so our Commandant arranged for us to hike the 120 miles through the hills of the Black Forest, which turned out to be a thrilling experience. We walked 25 miles a day, ate in the local Gasthofs and slept either in a pasture or barn. The hills we climbed were unbelievable but we all enjoyed the challenge. We returned to Lahr and from there went on to Switzerland visiting the town of Basle and Zurich, then on to France, visiting the Maginot Line, strangely still intact in places, stopped off in the town of Strasbourg and finally touched down briefly in Belgium. We returned to Ottawa by Boeing 707 on August 14.

Now as I look back at my trip I realize how rewarding my Army Cadet training proved to be. The effort one puts into such training can be just as rewarding as mine was. I will always remember this trip and I wish at this time to acknowledge with thanks the many people who have assisted me in this achievement. My commanding Officer, Capt R.C. Watt, my Coach, Mr. Robert Walker and the Cadet team Commandant, Major J.M. Letson. I also wish to convey special thanks to the Regiment for their assistance from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and the Victoria Branch, PPCLI Association, both of whom provided me with donations to enable me to enjoy my trip better. The Cadet Bisley Team Tour 1973 was the longest and the best of any previous team tours thanks to the work and effort of Major Letson. Again, to all concerned I say, many thanks.

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PPCLI Regimental Badges

1914 - 1974 By Captain L. E. Grimshaw, C. D.

As my personal project, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Regiment, the following photographic collection of Regimental badges has been prepared. It is intended only to present the principal patterns and variations of badges worn throughout the history of the Regiment, several of which may be unfamiliar to many readers.

This short article can be construed neither as an exhaustive historical account nor a specialized catalogue of badges. Information and records available are sparse to say the least and there are therefore undoubtedly errors, omissions and other inaccuracies in the following paragraphs. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the presence of this collection in the Jubilee "Patrician" will encourage readers to dust off both their memories and their memorabilia and that they will communicate either with the author or the Regimental Adjutant regarding any errors or additional information.

The Marguerite Badge

The first badge worn from 1914 to 1934 bore a marguerite flower as the centre of the design. The officers' badge was of silver with a gold marguerite while the men's badge was of brass or bronze. Figure 1 shows two types of the men's badge illustrating the principal varieties of design, the one having a



Figure 1. Two varieties of the marguerite badge.



Figure 2. Marguerite officers' cap and collar badge.

detailed petal and solid crown and the other a simple petal and pierced crown. The badge is found in a number of finishes from 'antique' brass to dark brown to bright brass and is of either stamped or cast metal. The officers' badge is shown at Figure 2 with a collar badge of the type worn until 1917. During World War I, it was common for battalion pipe bands of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to wear a special version of the regimental badge. The Edmonton Pipe Band which joined the Regiment en masse in 1914 was no exception. The PPCLI Pipe Band badge (Fig.3) was the marguerite badge surrounded by a wreath of maple leaves and thistles. The badge is found in both silver and brass. There were relatively few of these badges made as the band numbered only 24 men, each wearing two badges, one on the sporran and one on the glengarry cap. Only a few surviving copies are known.

The Cypher Badge

In 1934 the cap badge design was changed, the marguerite centre being replaced by the cypher and coronet of Lady Patricia Ramsay, formerly HRH Princess Patricia of Connaught.

The officers' badge was again of silver with the cypher and coronet of gold (Fig. 4A). It existed in two sizes, a two inch size cap badge and a larger version of identical pattern for wear on the full dress Wolseley helmet. The men's badge until 1948 was of the same design, but was solid rather than pierced through the cypher, (Fig. 4B). It is found in four metal and die varieties: bright brass, bright copper, darkened copper and white metal. The dark finish was a



Figure 3. Pipe Band badge.



A. (left) Officers' badge 1934-56B. (centre) Men's badge 1934-48C. (right) Men's badge 1948-56 Figure 4.



Figure 5. Full Dress Badge.

non-reflective active service requirement and the white metal one was a war time expedient evidently economizing on copper and brass. Although one copy of the latter exists in the Museum, it is thought that the badge was never on general issue and that the Museum copy may have been an experimental one.

The men's badge was altered in 1948 to conform to the officers' design. The badge (Fig. 4C) was pierced through the cypher and was bimetal with colours reversed from the officers' version, the annulus and crown being of brass and the cypher and coronet of white metal. However, the solid brass type returned to wear as an interim badge during the expansion in 1950-52 for Korea and was worn by men of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions until enough of the 1948 pattern badges were made available.

There was also an embroidered gold and silver variation of the cypher badge, (Fig. 5). One copy, in the Museum, is known and is reputed to have been worn with the forage cap with full dress in the 1930's. However, Regimental records contain no mention of it.

The Current Badge

Following the ascension of HM The Queen, the badge pattern was altered in 1956 to incorporate St. Edward's Crown. Otherwise the basic design of officers' and men's badges remained unchanged. The officers' and men's badges are illustrated at Fig. 6A and B respectively.

Several variations are found in the officers' badges. The regulation officers' badge (Fig. 7A) is of sterling silver and has a smaller crown than that of the men's badge. However, a silver plated large crown variety (Fig. 7B) is known.

For the past several years the Regimental Kit Shop has experienced difficulty procurring officers' badges and in 1973 a number of interim badges were obtained. These are chrome-plated and were cast from the die from which the men's badge was made and are therefore somewhat larger than the regulation officers' badge.

Another, unofficial chromed variety exists in the form of the men's badge plated in reverse colours to make an officers' 'silver' badge. These badges originated in the early 1960's and are known colloquially within the Regiment as "Jim Honey Specials".

This type was procurred by impecunious subalterns for reasons of economy. The "official" reason was to have an inexpensive badge for wear in the field, thereby avoiding possible loss or damage of a silver badge, although it is suspected that the dimensions of some of their mess bills precluded the purchase of the more expensive silver badges.



Figure 6. 1956 to date.
A. (left) Officers' badge.
B. (right) Men's badge.

The collar badges have undergone relatively few changes. Originally, officers wore a marguerite collar badge (Fig. 2) while men wore the standard Canada general service maple leaf collar badge. The light infantry bugle horn collar badge (Fig. 8A) was adopted for wear by officers in 1917 and by other ranks in

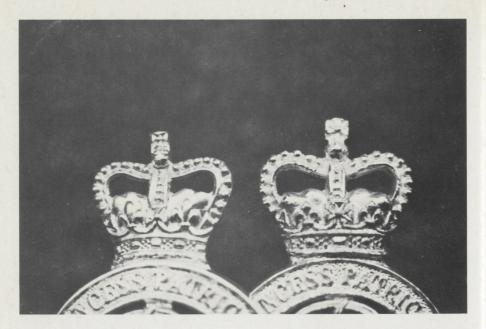


Figure 7. Detail of crowns of A (left) regulation pattern and B (right) large crown type officers' badges.



Figure 8. Collar badges.

A. (top left)regular pattern.
B. (top right) solid crown variety.
C. (bottom) Canadian Forces pattern.

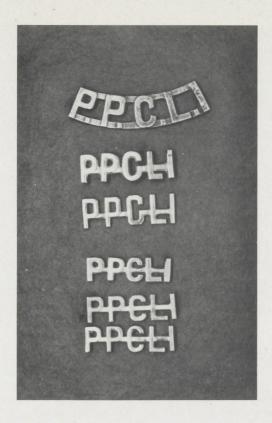


Figure 9. Selection of metal shoulder titles.

1920 and with the exception of a 'solid coronet' officers' variety (Fig. 8B), both types continued unchanged until 1969. At that time a smaller version (Fig. 8C) was authorized for wear with the Canadian Forces green uniform. The men's badge is brass and the officers' is silver plated. The plating on the latter is thin and subject to erasure from polishing and consequently many officers have had their collar badges chrome plated.

There is virtually no mention in Regimental records of metal shoulder titles although several varieties can be found (Fig. 9). The large curved title is of World War I vintage and appears to have been worn only by officers. Photographic evidence indicates that other ranks wore the red and white cloth title on the shoulder of the sleeve with a brass CANADA title on the epaulette. No information is available regarding the reasons and dates of introduction of various patterns of the straight title.

The red and white cloth title was introduced by the first Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Farquhar. Presumably this was an expedient because the rapid formation and mobilization of the Regiment precluded the production of metal titles on short notice. In any case, Lt.Col. Farquar appears to have



Figure 10. PPCLI Association beret badge.

invented the cloth shoulder title. It was adopted by British guards regiments in Flanders and soon spread throughout the armies of the Commonwealth. Moreover, it appears that it was in recognition of the historical nature of the "PPCLI" flash that the Regiment was the only Canadian Army unit which retained its initials only on its flash in the early 1950's when all the others were required to spell out their name, or at least most of it, in full.

No collection of Regimental badges would be complete without the embroidered beret badge of the PPCLI Association (Fig. 10). In addition, in recognition of another association, the Regimental badge is worn on the sporran of the City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band. The badge was presented to the band to commemorate the association of the original Edmonton Pipe Band with the Regiment, The present Police Pipe Band is therefore considered to be the spiritual, if not lineal, descendent of that earlier group of gallant men.

This, then, is my Jubilee collection of Regimental badges. Most have little intrinsic value but they all represent the thousands of men who have worn them proudly and they symbolize their spirit and traditions which are the life of the Regiment and which distinguish it from all others.

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1 PPCLI WIVES' CLUB

All members of the Wives' Club, join with Patricias everywhere, in grieving the loss of Lady Patricia Ramsay, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. Some of us recall her visit to the First Battalion in Germany and others remember her visit to the Second Battalion in Edmonton during the 50th Jubilee Celebrations. She will be lovingly remembered by all of us.

The year 1973 was again an active year for our club with Mrs. Joan Haley as our President. Still a feature for our members are the bi-monthly visits to the patients at the Colonel Belcher Veterans Hospital. The Okon Room is becoming a familiar place to dispense coffee, sandwiches and sweets.

The largest project for the year was the making of "dickies" or neckerchiefs for the Battalion. In all, over 300 were manufactured from that extremely hard to handle material found in parachutes. Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Ethel Davis who sewed more than her share.

We were also able to contribute a small sum to the Regimental Newsletter to assist in the postage expense.

March was highlighted by a Wine and Cheese party and June with a Pot Luck supper at the home of Mrs. Betty Ritthaler. Mrs. Jo McLean proved a most capable penny auctioneer at the latter function.

The Fall season started with a Rummage and Bake Sale with the proceeds to the Educational Bursaries. This year the winners were Miss Patricia Ann, daughter of Warrant Officer and Mrs. K.L. Smith, Camp Wainwright and Mr. J.G. Bruce, son of former Sergeant and Mrs. R.W. Smith of Calgary. Patricia is attending the School of Nursing at Foothills Hospital while Bruce is studying Structural Engineering Technology at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. Both are in Calgary.

Contributions were made to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Corporal Reid, to the Canadian Heart Fund in memory of Lieutenant Colonel R.F. Bruce and to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund in memory of Mrs. A. Hamilton Gault.

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Vice-Patron:
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JH CARVOSSO, MC
MINUTES OF THE 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ON
SEPTEMBER 15th, 1973

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

The 26th Annual General Meeting of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association was called to order at 1040 hours, Saturday the 15th of September, 1973, by the President, Brigadier-General J. A. de Lalanne, CBE, MC, OSt J, ED, BA, CA, in the Drill Hall of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), Ortona Armoury, Edmonton, Alberta.

ITEM 2 MINUTE OF SILENCE

One minute of silence was observed in memory of departed comrades.

ITEM 3 NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice of meeting was tabled by the Secretary-Treasurer and was dated the 1st of May, 1973.

ITEM 4 TABLING OF PROXIES

The Secretary-Treasurer tabled the following proxies:

Victoria Branch	-	15
Vancouver Branch	- 7	6
Calgary Branch	-	9
Edmonton Branch	-	1
Saskatchewan Branch	-	3
Winnipeg Branch	-	24
Toronto Branch	-	14
Ottawa Branch	-	10
Montreal Branch	-	10
United Kingdom Branch	9 -	6
		98

ITEM 5 QUORUM

The President declared that the 40 members present and the 98 proxies, previously tabled, constituted a quorum in accordance with article 2.14 (4) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

ITEM 6 ADDRESS BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Major-General Ware opened his remarks by emphasizing the historical significance of this week-end. The first occasion that such meetings and re-union had been held in conjunction with The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) and its Regimental Association. Lieutenant-Colonel Quarton was congratulated for the efficient way he and his Battalion were performing. Thanks were also extended to the Branch President, Mr Joe Dunn, and the Edmonton Branch for the part they had taken in preparing this occasion.

General Ware reported on the performance of the Patricias in Viet Nam and Canadians in general and that reports gave high praise to Colonel E. M. K. MacGregor, MC, CD.

He reported that Brigadier-General G. G. Brown, CD, Commander, 1 Combat Group, had high praise for all the Battalions of the Regiment and the comments from higher sources praised the operations and professionalism of all members. He reported that the Battalions were young, enthusiastic and a credit to the Regiment and their profession.

The Colonel of the Regiment reported on the passing of Admiral, the Honourable, Sir Alexander Ramsay, GCVO, KCB, DSO and Mrs A. Hamilton Gault and reflected that they will both be sorely missed by the Regiment.

General Ware gave a brief report on his recent visits to Lady Patricia Ramsay and relayed her message that she regretted that she would be unable to visit her Regiment for the 60th Diamond Jubilee.

The Colonel of the Regiment then declared the meeting officially open.

ITEM 7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Secretary-Treasurer read the minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting. Moved by N. Clayton and seconded by J. Dunn that the minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting, held on the 18th of June, 1972, be adopted as read.

CARRIED

ITEM 8 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the audited financial statements of the PPCLI Association Operating Account and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund for the calendar year 1972 and interim statements covering the period 1 January to the 16th of August, 1973. Statements attached as Annexes A and B.

Moved by J. Dunn and seconded by H. Busch that the audited financial statements for the calendar year 1972 and the interim statements for the period 1 January to 16 August, 1973 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

ITEM 9 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to submit the following report on the activities of the Association for the past fifteen (15) months.

Firstly, it is with much regret that I report the passing during the last year of Admiral, the Honourable, Sir Alexander Ramsay, GVCO, KCB, DSO and of Mrs A. Hamilton Gault.

No official memorial service was held for Sir Alexander Ramsay but a private service, arranged by the Vicar of Bagshot, for local people and the family was attended by our Colonel V. R. Schjelderup and Mrs Schjelderup.

On the other hand a public memorial service was held in Taunton, Somerset, for Mrs Gault and this was attended by the Colonel of the Regiment, Commanding Officers and several other serving officers as well as your Vice Patron, Colonel J. H. Carvosso, your President and members of the United Kingdom Branch of the Association.

We also lost - through death during the year - several active members of the Association - two of whom were Colonel R. F. Bruce - a former Commanding Officer of 1st Battalion and Piper J. M. Robertson.

In November last a further report was received from the Special Committee set up to make a last effort to obtain appropriate action by Mr W. E. Bastedo for the return of memorabilia loaned by W. W. I Veterans and for an accounting for monies contributed for his project "Early Memories and Tales of the P.P.C.L.I".

The Committee's conclusion - supported by the opinion of legal counsel - was that "further action at this time would be useless". Since this confirms the findings of earlier studies and negotiations, your Executive recommends that the Association take no further action while present conditions exist.

Later in this meeting I shall ask you to officially express appreciation to Colonel J. C. Allan and the members of his Committee and to Mr Brian R. D. Smith who advised on the legal aspect of the problem.

The Trustees of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund have again given financial support to the sponsored Cadet Corps' and the Secretary will report on the results of the competitions in the years 1972 and 1973.

You will also be given a report on the current financial postion of "The Patrician" and the "Regimental Newsletter".

Plans for an appropriate recognition in 1974 by several Units of the Regiment of the 60th Anniversary of its Founding and the 35th Anniversary of its proceeding overseas in W. W. II are well under way and several Branches of the Association are also developing proposals for their participation.

The change in Command of the 2nd Battalion which was underway at the time of our last meeting was duly consummated and the Unit has since served a six (6) month tour in Cyprus. Your President had the privilege of spending a very pleasant week with the Unit in the month of March, 1973, just prior to their return to Canada.

In the month of July, 1973, there were changes of Command of both the 1st and 3rd Battalions and your President was privileged to be present at both Ceremonies in Calgary and Victoria respectively. He also had the honour to stand in for the Colonel of the Regiment for certain formalities as General Ware was unable to attend - due to a temporary indisposition.

While I do not have the necessary knowledge to give you any extensive report on the services being rendered to the Regimental Family by former members - I am sure you will be interested to know that Mr Kerry J. Dunphy, MM - who is now a Service Officer at the Headquarters of The Royal Canadian Legion in Ottawa - has been most helpful in obtaining pensions and/or improved pensions for several retired members and their families. Kerry served in the ranks with 2nd Battalion in Korea and was later commissioned. He is now the energetic Secretary-Treasurer of the Ottawa Branch of the Association.

Once again I must commend to you the outstanding contribution being made by our Secretary-Treasurer, Captain V. D. Cole, in the interest of the Association, and particularly during a year when his duties as Regimental Adjutant have been unusually arduous.

ITEM 10 THE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

1. ANNUAL SUMMARY

The Annual Summary, with its required \$10.00 fee, was submitted to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs on the 11th of April, 1973.

2. FREZENBURG MEMORIAL

The Annual Report from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, received on the 3rd of November, 1972, reads:

"The Memorial is in good structural and horticultural condition and satisfactory in general appearance. Some minor painting and treatment of 2 small bronze panels will be carried out during the 1972/73 maintenance cycle".

3. "THE PATRICIAN"

"The Patrician" began, when the selling price was increased from 50 cents and \$1.50 to \$2.00 and \$4.00 respectively, with a debit of \$1,520.56. It has recovered to a debit of \$193.06 in 7½ months of this year. It's a healthy picture at the moment, however, to have proceeded as we have in the past it would again have gone to the debit side of the ledger upon publication this year. As a consequence we have cut corners and utilized some facilities of a Non-Public nature which are available at Base Edmonton. The quality of materials used in the book are slightly inferior to what we are used to, the size of the type has been decreased by a minimal amount, there are more advertisements than usual and you will likely be able to find more mistakes in spelling, grammar, layout, etc. On the credit side, the content is still the record of the year's happenings, the number of pages has increased by 41 over the previous year and the cover and bindings are of the same quality as used since 1969.

The process which we have followed will allow us to move to next year's publication with a substantial profit rather than the continual debit we have experienced in the past.

4. THE REGIMENTAL NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter continues to flourish and grow. With a distribution of approximately 1,300 copies it has become our greatest task, as far as time consumption is concerned. This does not detract from the fact that my staff and I continue to enjoy putting it together.

5. THE POSTAGE FUND

The Postage Fund continues to fluctuate up and down and is of no immediate concern. The periodic requests for assistance which are published in the Newsletter are sufficient for now.

6. BRANCH MEMBERSHIPS

The following is the strength of each Branch as recorded at Regimental Headquarters with the last year reported indicated.

	HLM	ORD	TOTAL	YEAR
Victoria	11	99	110	
Vancouver	13	66	79	1973
Calgary	3	42	45	1973
Edmonton	7	44	51	
Saskatchewan	12	24	36	
Winnipeg	5	150	155	1973
Toronto	40	47	87	1973
Ottawa	30	23	53	1973
Montreal	20	22	42	1973
United Kingdom	9	16	25	1973
Totals	150	533	683	
Members At Large			261	
Grand Total		9	944	

7. PPCLI ASSOCIATION CADETS CORPS TROPHY

The winner for the 1972/73 training year was 2483 (Esquimalt) PPCLI Cadet Corps. This is the third successive year that the Trophy has been awarded to this Corps.

The official standings were:

First		2483 (Esquimalt) PPCLI Cadet Corps	-	94%	-	\$175.50
Second	-	2901 (Estevan) Elks Club,				
		PPCLI Cadet Corps	-	92.75%		
Third		2554 (Calgary) PPCLI Cadet Corps	-	89.6%	-	\$177.00
Fourth	-	2701 (Winnipeg) PPCLI Cadet Corps	-	85.25%	-	\$111.00
Fifth	-	2481 (Red Lake) PPCLI Cadet Corps	-	83.75%		

The affiliated Cadet Corps' Estevan and Red Lake will be presented monies in the amount of \$180.00 and \$66.00 by their sponsors, the Elks Club in Estevan and The Royal Canadian Legion in Red Lake respectively.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 12 "EARLY MEMORIES AND TALES OF THE PPCLI" BY W.E. BASTEDO

The President reported that the Special Committee, established at the 24th Annual General Meeting, had been dissolved. He stated that, on the advice legal counsel, there was no action that could be taken at this time. Mr Brian R. D. Smith, counseller, had advised the Committee that the Association had no legal recourse to proceed further, at this time, but, there may be an opportunity at a later date.

Moved by Mr J. Dunn and seconded by Mr G. Neufeld that the minutes record a vote of thanks to the Special Committee formed for the purpose of investigating the matter which had been placed before it. The Committee being:

Chairman

Colonel J. C. Allan, MBE, DSO, CD

Members

Lieutenant - Colonel P. A. Roy, CD

Major R. B. Mainprize, CD The late G. McIlvenney

Mr. Brian R. D. Smith

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Secretary-Treasurer assumed the Chairmanship of the meeting in order to conduct the election of officers for the following year.

The following were elected to offices as indicated:

President

Major H. G. Munro, CD, Calgary

1st Vice President - Mr E. J. Dodd, CD, Winnipeg

2nd Vice President - Mr. K. J. Dunphy, MM, Ottawa

In the absence of Major H. G. Munro, Brigadier-General J. A. de Lalanne resumed Chairmanship of the meeting.

ITEM 13 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee for the forthcoming year is comprised of:

President

- Major H. G. Munro, CD

Immediate Past President

- Brigadier-General J.A. de Lalanne

1st Vice President 2nd Vice President Mr E. J. Dodd

Members

Mr K. J. Dunphy

Lieutenant-Colonel J.L. Sharpe, CD Commanding Officer, First Battalion

Mr H. Busch.

President, Calgary Branch

ITEM 14 GENERAL COMMITTEE

It was agreed that in accordance with article 2.07 (2) (a) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the PPCLI Association, the following Commanding Officers be appointed to the General Committee:

COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Sharpe, CD, First Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Allan, CD, Second Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel R. L. Cowling, CD, Third Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel H. Quarton, CD, ADC, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI)

PAST COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Hewson, CD, First Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. G. D. de Chastelain, CD, Second Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel P. A. Roy, CD, Third Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel E Piasta, CD, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI)

ITEM 15 60th Diamond Jubilee 1974

The Colonel of the Regiment reported that the 60th Diamond Jubilee had been one of the main topics discussed at the Regimental Executive Committee Meeting the preceding day, the main highlights of which were:

a. The primary celebrations would be:

- (1) 24 April, 1974 Second Battalion exercising their right to the Freedom of the City of Winnipeg and celebration of of the 23rd Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong.
- (2) 1 July, 1974 Third Battalion Trooping the Colour,
- (3) 10 August, 1974 First Battalion Trooping the Colour and National Re-Union.
- b. The R22eR, also celebrating their 60th Diamond Jubilee in 1974, had expressed a desire to join with PPCLI in some form of celebration. Indications point to a Guard Mounting on Parliament Hill and an exchange of a platoon between the two Regiments.
- c. Toronto/Ottawa/Montreal Branches In view of the foregoing there could be an opportunity for a three-city Branch involvement.

ITEM 16 CLOSING REMARKS BY THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

General Ware expressed his thanks to General de Lalanne, as the outgoing President, for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Regiment and the Association during these many years.

He also stated that he feels sure that, although 1974 would likely be an arduous and extremely busy year for the Battalions, they will acquit themselves successfully and professionally and that they would continue to be supported by the Regimental Association.

ITEM 17 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct the meeting adjourned at 1215 hours, the 15th of September, 1973.

Annex A to the Minutes of the PPCLI Association 26th Annual General Meeting of Saturday, September 15, 1973

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION OPERATING ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Period 1 January, 1973 to 16 August, 1973

ASSETS

Cash In Bank \$1,459.73 Investments 5,000.00 Less O/S Cheques 30.00

30.00 \$6,429.73

LIABILITIES

Capital as of 1 January, 1973 \$5,664.43

Increase For Period 765.30 \$6429.73

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts

Interest on Investments375.00Interest on Savings Account9.23Branch Dues294.50Volume IV Sales2.00Contributions194.65

\$875.38

Disbursements

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Annex B to the Minutes of the PPCLI Association 26th Annual General Meeting of Saturday, September 15, 1973

HAMILTON GAULT MEMORIAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT Period 1 January, 1973 to 16 August, 1973

ASSETS

Cash In Bank	\$5,016.78	
Investments	20.000.00	
Less O/S Cheques	463.50	
Recoverable Loan	750.00	\$25,303.28

LIABILITIES

HGMF Capital

Capital as of 1 January, 1973	\$24,198.77	
Increase For Period	1,104.51	\$25,303.28

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts Donations: J. A. de Lalanne 200.00 C. E. Corrigan 100.00 B. J. Sauis 100.00 J. A. de Lalanne 250.00 Interest on Investments 1,303.04 Interest on Savings Accounts 48.48

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Disbursements		
Contribution to Regimental Fund	331.51	
Annual Audit Fee	2.00	
Cadet Outside Canada Tour	100.00	
Cadet Corps Trophy	463.50	\$897.01
Increase For Period		\$1,105,51



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Victoria Branch

The Branch received a rude shock when the Third Battalion Sergeants' Mess was razed by fire early in 1973. For many years it was the monthly meeting place and we have pleasant memories of the old Mess. We are pleased to note that the Warrant Officers and Sergeants now have a new Mess, smaller than the previous one but quite comfortable and pleasantly decorated.

In order that we be accommodated, our meetings were held on the last Thursday of each month for a time. This proved unsatisfactory for our members and we have since returned to Fridays. During the fall we met in the Junior Ranks,' Sergeants' and Officers' Messes in rotation. This proved most satisfactory and enjoyable. The final function of the year was a mixed buffet in the Officers' Mess with approximately 80 members and their ladies.

We have been supported and encouraged by the past and present Commanding Officers, Lieutenant Colonels Phil Roy and Dick Cowling. The Deputy Commanding Officer, Major Murray Stewart is also a source of strength and helpful ideas. This help and encouragement extends throughout the Battalion and the Victoria Branch can count itself fortunate that it has the Battalion in its locale.

The Branch lost a number of members through the year. Members whose deaths were tragic as they went long before their time - Bob Bruce, Lloyd Jacobson, Pat McCoy and Bill Zolkos.

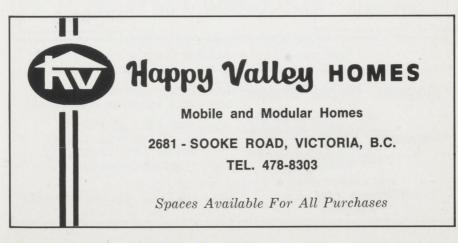
The Executive for the 1974 Jubilee is as follows:

President L.C. Ingram
Vice President J.R. Stone
Secretary Treasurer J. Hicke

House Committee R.C. Watt, C.Y. Arkinstall, C. Marshall C.O. Ludtke, G. Murtagh, W.J. Worswick

Membership Committee D.C. Smith, R.M. Lekivetz

With a membership of 78 the Victoria Branch enters the Jubilee in good shape and hopes for a continued period of growth.



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Vancouver Branch

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 23rd of January, 1973, in the Sergeants' Mess at Jericho Beach Barracks.

President - Derek Gunderson Vice President - Gordon Henderson Secretary Treasurer - Frank Norris and

Visiting Committee - Stan Chicosky
Wembers - Stan Robie
L.G. Beamish.

- Mel Butcher, Reg Clark, - John Dyck, Bill Lewis,

- Ken Stewart,
- George Upton

The 17th of March, the Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday, was suitably marked with a gathering in the Grosvenor Hotel. Sixty-three attended and enjoyed the good food, the able bartending of Stan Robie and above all the comaraderie. Many the tales were told of days gone by.

A special gathering of Kapyong veterans took place in the spring. Plans for a trip to Esquimalt and a Patricia Ball in the Fall had to be aborted, primarily due to the escalating costs.

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Calgary Branch

The year that ended in December 1973 was a good year for the Calgary Branch, with a membership of 83 members.

The Annual General Meeting was held in May and the following officers were elected.

President - JH Shinn
Vice President - C Kawanami
Secretary Treasurer - A Erfurt
Past President - H Busch

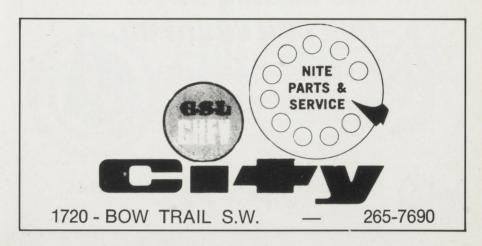
The Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday, on the 17th of March, was duly marked by the Annual Banquet and Dance at which 87 were in attendance. A dinner and dance, held in the PPCLI Home Station Warrant Officers' and Sergeants Mess, in December, was also successful with 57 in attendance.

The Calgary Branch has the unique distinction of having an extremely active Ladies Auxiliary for which it is truly grateful. Thanks are in order, to the ladies for their contribution to the existence of the Association in Calgary.

November saw the monthly meeting being held in the Regimental Museum in conjunction with a guided tour, supplied by the Regimental Adjutant, Captain Cole. It was obvious by the conversations after lunch that the tour was appreciated and will likely be done again.

The death of our Colonel-in-Chief dealt a stunning blow from which we will be hard pressed to recover. Some members of the Branch have fond memories of her visits to Calgary and Edmonton in 1953 and 1964 respectively.

Visitors to Calgary are reminded that they would be welcome to the Calgary Branch meetings which are held on the third Friday of each month, in Currie Barracks.



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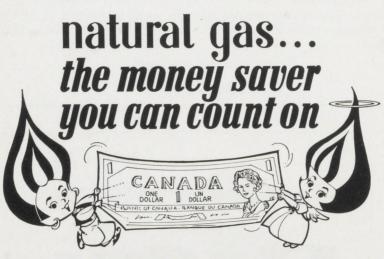
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Edmonton Branch

1973 was a rather quiet year for the Edmonton Branch and the activities were therefore limited.

The Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday was suitably celebrated with a candlelight dinner and dancing in the Officers' Mess of the Canadian Airborne Regiment at Griesbach Barracks. The usual comaraderie was in evidence and the normal Regimental songs were duly rendered.

The highlight of the year was the re-union and Annual General Meetings of the Regimental Association, which were held in September. We had the privilege of being co-hosts, with The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) and The Forty Niners'.

Friday evening, the 14th, commenced with a registration, followed by a retreat ceremony and terminated with an excellent barbeque at Camp Harris. Saturday morning was when the Annual Meeting took place and an historic element was present in the fact that the Regimental Association of both Regiments convened their meetings simultaneously. The first time this had ever taken place together.

During the afternoon, both Associations were invited to parade with The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), as they exercised their right to the Freedom of the City of Edmonton.

Saturday culminated with a gala Ball, at which approximately 300 people were present.

On Sunday morning, wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph and a Memorial Service was held in Christ Church Cathedral.

1974, the 60th Diamond Jubilee year, has commenced with a sad blow to the Regiment. The death of our Colonel-in-Chief, on the 12th of January, has written-30-to an era of unmatched history. Her service as Colonel-in-Chief, spanning nearly 60 years, has been one of devotion and duty to her Regiment, service which was given unstintingly and with a devotion unmatched in Canadian Military History.



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Winnipeg Branch

The Winnipeg Branch notes with regret the death of our Colonel-in-Chief. We have many fond memories to cherish for years to come. We will long remember her messages of greetings and encouragement that have been received over the years. We pledge our loyalty to her memory and will forever bear her name with pride.

The Sergeants' Mess of Second Battalion was the location for our Annual Meeting, held in December, at which time the following slate of officers was elected:

President - E. J. Dodd First Vice-President - W. Saniuk Second Vice-President - W. Riley

Executive Members - Dr. C.E. Corrigan,

D. Cayne, J. Howe, J. King, N. Oshanski,

J. Small

Honorary President - L. C. Martindale

We regret to report that our previous Honorary President, W. L. McGregor, passed away during 1973.

The 1973 Annual Meeting and Reunion, held in Edmonton was a great success and our thanks are extended to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) and to Joe Dunn, President of the Edmonton Branch for a job well done.

With a membership of 156 Ordinary and 2 Life Honorary Members, we approach the 60th Jubilee with great anticipation.

In the meantime, we extend greetings to all Patricias. At the same time we pause and reflect on the passing of our Colonel-in-Chief with a vow to carry on as she would have us do.

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Toronto Branch

The Toronto Branch held its 1973 Annual Meeting on January 20th at the Toronto Scottish Officers Mess in the Fort York Armoury. As a result of the election of Officers the following members would fill the positions indicated:

President - S. L. Dymond
1st Vice-President - H. S. Reading
2nd Vice-President - C. L. Scott-Brown
Secretary - J. O. Clarke
Treasurer - I. Reid

Executive - J. Demytriw, C. O. Huggard,

J. Slimkowich, W. R. Stevens, W. Stride

Auditor - V. F. Gianelli

No momentous decisions were made, but necessary nuts and bolts were attended to so that the Branch could get through another year. It was decided not to raise the dues at this time but consideration would be given to this matter at a later date. During the evening, Jim Reid, our Treasurer, was presented with his citation, conferring upon him Honorary Life Membership in the Association. It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the Branch that such an honour has been given to someone not of World War I vintage.

On March 17th, the members gathered together to celebrate the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief. There were equal numbers of 1st and 2nd War Vets and a couple who had seen action in Korea. It was a quiet but comradely evening - the kind that leaves a glow and warmth for some time after saying au revoir to friends. The film showing the homecoming of the Regiment in March, 1919 shown.

May 5th saw the Branch gathered once again at Fort York Armoury for the Fifty-Fourth Annual Dinner to commemorate the Battles of Frezenberg, Hitler Line and Kapyong. We were honoured by the presence of Major General A. E. Potts. During the evening, Vic Gianelli, one of the mainstays of the Branch, was presented with a beautiful engraved picture of Lady Patricia set in a plaque of clear acrylic.

Things were fairly quiet for the Toronto Branch during the summer with a resulting dearth of news. Perhaps if it could be arranged for Association members to go along on some of those swans that seem to take the Regular Fellows to the far corners of the world we might be able to come up with some interesting copy.

Apart from a couple of executive meetings, no activities took place until November 10th when we held our Remembrance Day celebration in the 48th Highlanders Sergeants' Mess at Moss Park Armoury. Although the turn out was small it was good to see the "Old Sweats" who did show up.

And so we look foward to 1974. It is hoped that during the 60th Anniversary a goodly number of members will attend the functions planned. We also expect to have a Tri-City get-together and plan to send representatives to some of the Regimental celebrations.

All members of the Toronto Branch extend their greetings and good wishes for the 60th Anniversary, secure in the knowledge that Patricias everywhere will once again come through with that little bit extra that makes them members of The Regiment.

LAST POST

The passing of the following Patricias in the Toronto area was reported during the year:

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Ottawa Branch

We are pleased to advise all Members of the Patricia Brotherhood that our Branch is still operational.

Our first formal meeting of the year was combined with a social evening on 12 February 1973. The following Officers were elected at this General Meeting:

Honorary President - Colonel S.H. HILL

Past President - IAN ROE President - JOE BERGER

Vice President - GLEN BANNERMAN

Executive Members - ERIC SHARPE

RAY PARKER

DICK WHITMORE HARRY COTTON

Secretary Treasurer - KERRY J. DUNPHY

Service Personnel Rep - CHRIS SNIDER
- LARRY GOLLNER

On the 17th of March, 41 Association Members and their wives dined at the Holiday Inn in Ottawa to commemorate our Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday. Following the banquet we repaired to the Officers' Mess where we were guests of the serving Officers.

In April the National President, Brigadier JIMMY deLALANNE, feted Col HILL on his birthday.

In September of 1973 we were advised that our Secretary, KERRY J. DUNPHY, had been elected to the office of Second Vice-President of the National Association.

Joe BERGER and Dick WHITMORE represented the Association at the November 11th Ceremonies at the National War Memorial where they laid a wreath on behalf of their fellow Members.

We are, indeed, fortunate in Ottawa to be included in some of the parties and functions held by the serving Members of the Regiment.

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 1974, since this is an important milestone in the Regiment's history.

The Officers and Members of our Branch extend to their fellow Patricias our warmest regards and best wishes for the future.

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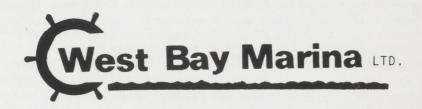
As we approach the year 1974 and the 60th Diamond Jubilee of the Regiment, we in the United Kingdom Branch send greetings to all Patricias, past and present.

Again, as in the many years past, the 8th of May was celebrated by a luncheon in the Victory Club. With 19 members present, Eric Michelmore was the only Original able to attend. The others being absent for reasons of age or the inability to travel. We were most happy to welcome the new residents of Hatch Court, Commander and Mrs. B.H.C. Nation.

We are hoping to celebrate the Jubilee year in a fitting manner. The "Old Guard" in England will not be able to celebrate with others in Canada, much as they may wish to do so. It is now time for the New Guard to take over.

It is regretted that we must report the death of Mrs. Kate Constant, wife of Major Rick Constant, following a car accident. Also the death of H16107 John James Green, injured during the 39/45 war and who had been invalided for quite some time.

In conclusion, may I, an old "Forty-niner", you, the younger Patricias, have every good reason to be proud of those who served during the last sixty years and I am certain that you will keep the PPCLI Colours flying. May you all be fit and able to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary in 2014.



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Kapyong - A Speech by Col JR Stone, DSO, MC

to the Officers of 3 PPCLI on 18 Dec 73

When I was a small boy at school - God knows that was a long time ago - I memorized a poem entitled "The Battle of Blenheim". The story was of a small boy finding something large and smooth and round and bringing it to his grandfather and asking what he had found. His grandfather told him that it was some poor fellow's skull who fell in that great victory. The poem finishes thus: What they killed each other for I cannot well make out, but men say, quoth he, it was a famous victory.

As I look back and follow events from Kapyong up to date, I feel much the same about Korea. Why did we kill one another when our then deadly enemies, the Chinese Communists, are now our great and good friends. Mind you the so-called police action in Korea did not result in a famous victory. However, a certain number of us, for various reasons, joined battle with North Koreans and Chinamen and the battle of Kapyong, on which I speak tonight, was one of the engagements of that long drawn out struggle which has not finished yet, and which resulted in all too many of those large, smooth round things being buried in the ground.

The battle of Kapyong was fought on April 24/25 1951. This is a long time ago and my memory is deficient of many of the happenings of those two days. Generally, I can discuss the plan of defence, the execution of the plan and the successful move out of the position on April 26. In my opinion, there was something of much greater importance at Kapyong than the tactics of defence. Kapyong demonstrated that morale, spirit of the troops, or call it what you will, is probably the most important factor in battle, and all the logistical support, the finest plan and the many other factors that are considered as requirements to fight a battle, are subsidiary to it.

Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was recruited mainly from the streets, as was the rest of the 25th Brigade which was to represent Canada in Korea. Many were the stories told of the recruiting SNAFUS - you can read about them in "Strange Battleground", written by Herb Wood, himself a Patricia. General "Slim" Maclin, then the Adjutant General, described it succinctly to me after I returned from Korea. He said that trying to rush recruiting was analogous to trying to rush the process of procreation. He said "if you and your wife decide to have a baby you take the necessary sexual action and await the normal gestation period. If you try to hurry the process you get an abortion. That is what the recruiting operation for Korea was."

Many recruits were re-treads from World War 2 (I was one myself). Among them were many dead-beats, escapists from domestic and other troubles, cripples, neurotics and other useless types all of whom broke down under the rigorous training program and were got rid of prior to our going into action. Here I might also say that those who joined to fight for a cause were most

difficult to find. Bill Boss, our accompanying war correspondent, questioned almost every man in the battalion trying to find the idealist, the man who joined solely to fight a holy war against Communism. Like Diogenes searching with his lantern trying to find an honest man, Bill was unsuccessful. The strength of the battalion was in its adventurers, those who joined the Army because there was a war to fight and they wanted to be there. Personally, I believe that all volunteer armies in wartime are composed mostly of adventurers.

Except for Civil Wars, the Crusades were probably the last wars where individuals fought for cause and the loot of some of the participants of those wars make their motives for fighting suspect. In talking of the strengths of the Second Battalion I would be remiss if I did not mention the part played by the officers, Warrant Officers and non-commissioned officers who were transferred to us from First Battalion. They gave the battalion a professional backbone and, of course, conducted a large part of the training. I am sure that much of our success as a unit stemmed from the efforts of these excellent soldiers.

By the time we had weeded out the "scruff" we had a first class, high spirited group of soldiers.

Ardant du Picq, a military writer of note, wrote "the man is the first weapon of battle." Wavell said in one of his wonderful lectures, and I paraphrase, that tactics and strategy are to the battle what the skeleton is to the body. Bare bones. They are fleshed out with the blood and guts of the men that fight. That is why, in talking of any battle, I stress first the men who fought it.

From recruiting in August 1950 to our first crack at the enemy in February 1951, we had lived together and trained together. When we left for Korea in November 1950 we became almost an autonomous body. Discipline, training, purchasing our requirements and almost everything else became battalion responsibilities. We had no rear headquarters closer than Seattle and the Canadian Military Mission in Japan really had no responsibility for us. We were on our own. When we landed in Korea we were fairly well trained as individuals but we had no group or collective training. I introduced a regime of tough training as soon as we were established in a suitable area. Here I might give the facts of a story which has been speculated on for a number of years.

When we left Canada, the war in Korea appeared to be over. The North Korean forces had been hurled back and MacArthur was crying "On to the Yalu." My battalion was untrained, but to get in before the "ceasefire", it was decided to send 2 PPCLI to show the flag among those of the UN. I was sent to Korea to train. When we docked at Yokohama the Head of our Military Mission in Japan presented me with a hypothetical case of my being ordered into action on my arrival in Korea. I said that I couldn't and wouldn't go into action without eight weeks' training. He speculated on the result of such an attitude on my part but said it was my prerogative and wished me luck.

On arrival in Pusan, the G3 (rear) of the 8th Army informed me that I was to be married up with my stores and vehicles and was to proceed within 3 days

to Suwon and join the British 29th Brigade. I informed the gentleman of my state of training and the impossibility of the battalion going into action immediately. The G3 said that he had his orders and he had given me mine and to get going. I asked where the Commander of the 8th Army was located and he told me Seoul. I asked for an aeroplane, which he made available, and I flew to Seoul to see General Walker. I put my position to him and his senior staff and although he was most pleasant he said that my troops were trained as well as the US reinforcements and the situation was desperate. Fortunately, I had been given a piece of paper prior to leaving Canada which gave me the authority for decision on committing my battalion. I waved the paper. General Walker wanted no political repercussions and agreed with my demand for 8 weeks training time. I told him that I would assist in the defence of the Naktong river line if the evacuation of the UN forces from Korea became necessary. As the British 29th Brigade was seriously mauled in the ensuing week I can easily imagine what would have happened to us.

Several years later, Peter Worthington writing in the Toronto Telegram said "Stone's stubbornness saved a battalion from annihilation." Exaggerated but possible. General Walker was killed 3 days after my interview with him. We trained for six weeks and I then announced our readiness for action.

Second Battalion was a singing battalion. More songs were composed by members of 2 PPCLI than the rest of the Eighth Army put together. Their favourite marching song had a refrain "We're untrained bums, we're from the slums". They were just a wonderful group of men. I believed in them; they believed in me. And, what is more important, they believed in one another. Non-professional, by your standards half-trained, they were typically the young men that Wavell described as the flesh and blood of battle.

The battalion came out of the line to celebrate March 17 at a place called Chipyongni. I was not feeling too well and a day or two later was sent to hospital in Japan with a condition diagnosed as hepatitus. In Japan it was discovered that I had smallpox and I was hospitalized and quarantined until the middle of April. I had a few days convalescent leave and returned to the battalion on April 22.

A massive Chinese offensive was battering hell out of a ROK corps to the north of us and in that same offensive further west the Glosters of the British 29th Brigade were surrounded, cut up and had to surrender. A new defensive line had been reconnoitered on the Han river but the Chinese had to be stopped to allow for a proper withdrawal. Third battalion Royal Australian Regiment, and 2 PPCLI, with the Middlesex Regiment in reserve, were given the task of holding the front on the Kapyong river until the total withdrawal to the Han river could be effected.

If you have seen the map of the Kapyong Battleground you will have noted that the Australians had the lower feature on the right, Hill 504. Our feature, Hill 677, was much larger and, I must confess, much more difficult to attack. Here I will interpose. If you ever have to take up a defensive position on a mountain of that size with a battalion of infantry, make sure first that you listen carefully to orders and know your objectives and, second, that you

search your memory for everything you have been taught about the selection of vital ground from which to conduct a defence.

On April 23 I took forward a large reconnaissance party of company commanders, gunner rep, mortar rep, MMG and battalion mortar platoon commanders. We were able to look at the feature from the enemy side which gave us a good idea of probable attack approaches. Therefore, I was able to select the vital ground which had to be defended to deny the approaches to the enemy.

677 is about a mile and a half across, gullied, wooded and impossible to defend in the classic manner of deploying companies to support each other. Each company had to develop its own individual defended locality, the platoons being mutually supporting. The gaps between the companies would have to be covered, to some extent, by defensive fire tasks of the MMG selections, the battalion 81 mm mortars, the US mortar company and the New Zealand 25 pdr Regiment.

I issued orders in the late afternoon of April 23 and we commenced moving into position that afternoon. The defensive plan followed the lines of my appreciation in that companies were in individual defended localities, deployed so that the platoons were mutually supporting. Our 6 Vickers MMGs were deployed by sections, giving depth to the defence and covering the gaps between companies. The battalion mortars supported with defensive fire tasks. A company of US 120 mm mortars were supporting the total Brigade effort but when the battle got hot on the Australian front the FOO from the US mortars on my front walked out and never a "pop" did we get from his company. The New Zealand Artillery Regiment had far too big a front to cover but they gave their all.

The Australians, with a company of heavy US tanks, moved into position on Hill 504 at about the same time we moved up. We had a hard time getting our mortars, on half tracks, into the re-entrant that I had selected for them and the Battalion HQ. However, my "untrained bums" were never daunted and, using explosive to blow a few rock corners off the track side, we moved in and were deployed in the early hours of the morning of April 24.

The Australians were heavily attacked during the night of 23/24 April. The attack was so intense that I feared for my right flank. I decided to change my deployment and ordered B Company, commanded by Major Vince Lilley, to move from their position, which was partly dug in, and dig in several hundred yards to the right where they could overlook the valley of the Kapyong. How fortunate this move was! The Australians were over-run, the Battalion HQs set on fire and the Commanding Officer ordered his companies to get out as best they could to the Middlesex Regiment's position to their rear. 2 PPCLI was now stuck out on its own with no support on either flank. There was very little activity on our front during the day of April 24. Early in the evening we were lightly mortared and MMG fire using tracer was directed against B Company. B Company then was attacked with ground troops. Chinese bugles and tracer fire directed the Chinamen onto their objectives and they succeeded in over-running one platoon. However, the main company position held, the attack was beaten off and the situation restored.

A little later Vince Lilley called me on the "blower" to tell me that a strong force of enemy had entered the re-entrant behind his position and were moving on my headquarters.

The mortar platoon in those days was mounted for travelling on twelve half-tracks. Each half-track was equipped with one .50 and one .30 Browning machine gun. These were loaded 1 tracer to 4 ball. We held fire until the Chinamen broke through the trees about 200 yards away and then 24 machine guns cut loose together. What with the rattle of the guns and the mortars firing at their shortest range, the enemy never had a chance. Some of them are probably running yet. The attack on the battalion continued throughout the night. We fired every weapon that we had and the New Zealand gunners supported. D Company received special attention. The company commander, Wally Mills, reported to me over the telephone (the line was miraculously intact) that his position was over-run and that the enemy had infiltrated everywhere. After some conversation, in which he assured me that the company was well dug in, he asked for an artillery concentration right on top of his position. I obliged. The attacks on this position continued but supporting fire from our mortars and the Artillery each time drove off the enemy. By morning all attacks subsided and, except for the fact that we were heavily shelled, April 25 was relatively quiet.

Our supply route was cut and I had no way of knowing how long we might have to hold the position or how aggressive the enemy might become. So, in the early hours of April 25, I requested an airdrop of ammunition, food and water. Six hours later, 4 C119s dropped, by parachute, everything requested including 81 mm mortar ammunition. When it comes to supply you cannot beat the US forces.

That afternoon, patrols from B Company reported that the road to the rear was open and I had additional supplies come up by road. On April 26 US tanks took over our defensive task while we withdrew to another holding line, prior to moving to a more permanent line on the Han River.

Our casualties were very light - 10 killed and 23 wounded. Our seriously wounded were evacuated by helicopter right in the midst of the battle. Again a wonderful service, given by US forces, which saved lives and raised morale.

Kapyong was not a great battle as battles go. It was a good battle, well planned and well fought. Personally, I believe that Kapyong was the limit of the planned offensive of the Chinese at that time. Had that limit been five miles further south we should have been annihilated as were the Glosters. The numbers that the Chinese were prepared to sacrifice against a position meant that eventually any unsupported battalion in defence must be over-run. The Chinese soldier is tough and brave. All that he lacked at the time of Kapyong were communications and supply. Perhaps death was preferable to the life he was compelled to lead for he certainly was not afraid to die. Therefore I say that we were lucky that he did not persist with his attacks.

In my opinion our success in holding our position and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy was due, in the most part, to these factors:

- a. We had trained and fought together for some eight months, we believed in one another and the morale of the battalion was high. No one panicked even when we knew that we were surrounded and that there was some infiltration of the position by the enemy.
- b. We had ample time for a proper reconnaissance and all subordinate commanders had a look at the ground in daylight.
- c. Although I was never a highly skilled soldier, I have always had a good eye for ground. Therefore the ground that was vital to the defence of the area came quickly to my view.
- d. The move of B Company to the right after the Australians were beaten back no doubt saved our right flank and gave warning of the move of the enemy on the Bn HQ area.
- e. The evacuation of the wounded by helicopter was a big booster to morale and took a great load off my mind.
- f. The airdrop of supplies was a wonderful bit of organization in Japan as we had two supply sources, US and British. Our ammunition had to be procured from both sources. We would have been in sorry straits had we not been supplied by air.

The United States Presidential Citation is awarded to units which, in the opinion of the senior commander in the field and in the name of the President of the United States, deserve public recognition of earned honour and distinction. 2PPCLI was so honoured even though the award was not popular in some higher Canadian Military circles. I will only say this about the award. I repeat that Kapyong was not a great battle. However, we were surrounded by the enemy. We could have run, panicked in some way or surrendered. We stayed, fought and withdrew on orders in a soldierly fashion. This, in itself, was unique in Korea where "bug-outs" were the normal manner of withdrawing. In the circumstances, I say that the award was well earned and the battalion deserved public recognition of its actions of April 24/25 1951.

If my talk this evening is to be worthwhile, some guidance for your future action should stem from it. May I leave a thought or two with you before I sit down. The success at Kapyong was due mainly to high morale and to good company, platoon and section commanders. In their isolated defence areas they kept their heads down, the morale of their troops up and their weapons firing. Whatever support I could give I gave but the battle was theirs. Wavell said, while lecturing to Cambridge University, "The pious Greek, when he set up altars to all the great Gods by name, added one more altar 'to the unknown God'. So whenever we speak of the great captains and set up our military altars to Hannibal, Napoleon, Marlborough and their like, let us add one more altar; 'To the unknown leader', that is, the good company, platoon or section leader who carries forward his men or holds his post and often falls unknown. It is these who, in the end, do most to win wars.''

That is something that we should never overlook in our military training. Too much officer training is aimed at high levels of command and not enough at the company and platoon level. With a modicum of experience at the lower

levels anyone can take over at the higher. Many poor commanders have stayed in command at brigade and divisional level in consequence of having a good staff. At the platoon or company level the poor commander is discovered the first day. So I say that a division can survive with poor command for awhile but I'll be damned if a platoon or a company can. Therefore, play only superficially at moving divisions on 1 over 250,000 maps with fingers spread making right and left hooks. Concentrate on section, platoon and company tactics. Learn from experience just what human beings can endure and still fight. Learn to do your jobs properly at your own levels of command. It is surprising how easy it is to command a battalion when you have had success in commanding a company. And remember always that "the man is the first weapon of battle". Train him, toughen him, treat him fairly, and demonstrate to him always your fitness to be his commander. When the days come that you need him, as it did at Kapyong, he'll be with you all the way.

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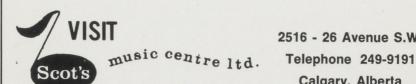
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11 42204	Paralaire ICD Frances May 20 Jun 72 TOC 15
H 43294	Beauleiu, JCD at Emerson, Man 20 Jun 73, TOS 15 Apr 45, SOS 7 Jun 45.
487502	Browne, AD at Vernon, BC, 3 Feb 74, TOS 9 Jun
77.4.720	16, SOS 11 Apr 17.
ZM 738	Bruce, RFat Victoria, BC, 13 Jul 73, affiliated PPCLI 1946, Commanded
	1PPCLI 11 Apr 61 to 12 Aug 62,
	retired Jan 73, MBE, CD
SH 618833	Bryon, HE at Thunder Bay, Ont, 22 Nov 73,
	Korea
410910	Cameron, DJ at Two Mountains, Que, 10 Apr 73,
SP 28012	TOS 28 Jul 15, SOS 2 Aug 15. Clifton, A at Calgary, Alta, 15 May 72, TOS
SF 20012	1947, retired 1960.
246190	Duggan, JE at Ottawa, Ont, 4 Nov 73, TOS 3 Mar
	18, SOS 20 Mar 19, MM.
105950	Emery, CJ at Regina, Sask, 24 Jul 73, TOS 10 Jun
421 406 025	16, SOS 2 Oct 18.
431 406 925	Fiddler, WCat Calgary, Alta, 10 May 73, serving with 1 PPCLI, Cpl.
	Fennell, AB at Toronto, Ont, 28 May 73, TOS 18
	Jun 17, SOS 19 Dec 16, Lieut.
475392	Gerrie, FM at Victoria, BC, 18 Dec 73, TOS 19
	Mar 16, SOS 6 Mar 19, MSM.
487326	Hamblett, RWat Victoria, BC, 11 Apr 73, TOS 9 Jun
770214	16, SOS 25 Feb 19. Hill, GW at Toronto, Ont, 19 Mar 73, TOS 1
770214	Jun 17, SOS 20 Mar 19.
739397	Hoover, GH at Nelson, BC, 7 Sep. 73, TOS 6 Mar
	17, SOS 20 Mar 19.
423 352 897	Keller, J at Calgary, Alta, 10 May 72, serving
622 206 410	with 1 PPCLI, Cpl.
622 306 410	Lee, RJ at Calgary, Alta, 17 Dec 73, serving with 1 PPCLI.
161	Lindop, Gat Toronto, Ont, 7 Jul 73, TOS Aug
	14, SOS 21 Jan 16.
219808	Madden, AA at Winnipeg, Man, 29 Jul 73.
432 031 099	Martell, JP at Calgary, Alta, 10 May 73, serving
	with 1 PPCLI, M/Cpl.

2193328	McGregor, WL at Winnipeg, Man, 30 May 73, TOS 4 Nov 17, SOS 20 Mar 19.
Н 16877	McPhee, JD at Minitosis, Man, 20 May 73, no record of service.
1772	Miller, GA at Westlock, Alta, 9 Aug 73, TOS Aug 14, SOS 28 Jun 16.
444799	Miller, RG at Clifton Road, NB, 9 Jul 71, TOS 18 Sep 16, SOS 24 May 18.
552711	Mills, HL at Victoria, BC, 13 Jan 74, TOS 27 Sep 16, SOS 20 Mar 19.
	Ramsay, Lady P in Surrey, England, 12 Jan 74, Colonel-in-Chief 22 Feb 18 to 12 Jan 74.
431 484 096	Reid, GH at Calgary, Alta, 9 Feb 73, serving with 1 PPCLI, Cpl.
M 800147	Selkirk, I at Prince George, BC, 28 Jan 74, 2 PPCLI Korea.
	Stewart, A at Calgary, Alta, 29 Apr 73, 1 PPCLI Korea
ZH 4540 429 378 110	Stirling, WK at Yellowknife, NWT, 8 Jan 74, TOS 15 Apr 45 SOS 7 Jun 45, re-enlisted and served unto death, Major, CD.
1718	Vale, WE at Ottawa, Ont, 24 Jun 73, TOS Aug 14, SOS 12 May 15, subs CASC.
51477	Wallach, PH at Toronto, Ont, 11 Apr 73, TOS 15 Mar 15, SOS 11 Oct 16.
94	Webb, CW at Toronto, Ont, 9 Mar 73, TOS Aug 14, SOS 19 Feb 15.
883695	Woodford, AGat Calgary, Alta, 10 Mar 73, TOS 5 Dec 17, SOS 19 Oct 18.

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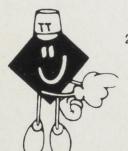
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